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QUOTATIONS**



'too much of  
a good thing  
is wonderful.'

Mae West



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## Introduction

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I am proud to be the editor of the fifth edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of Humorous Quotations*. To coin a phrase, I am the man for the job. For more than fifty years I have been messing about in quotes. I suppose I have always had a short attention span and an eye and an ear for the pithy, witty, and wise. At school I discovered the detective stories of Dorothy L. Sayers and her hero, the aristocratic sleuth Lord Peter Wimsey, became an early role model. In *Have His Carcase*, Sayers has Lord Peter confess: 'I always have a quotation for everything—it saves original thinking.' I could not put it better myself.

I have been collecting quotations actively since the age of eleven. In the early days, I copied them out, by the dozen, in small blue notebooks. The very first to feature in my childhood anthology was a favourite of my father's—a line from Saki's *Reginald*: 'The cook was a good cook, as cooks go; and as cooks go, she went.' As a small boy, I was tickled pink by the cleverness of Saki's wordplay. (I still am.)

As a writer, Saki (Hector Hugh Munro) acknowledged his debt to Lewis Carroll, Rudyard Kipling, and Oscar Wilde, and his own style as a story-teller, wit, and wordsmith went on to influence many others, including A. A. Milne, P. G. Wodehouse, and Noël Coward. All these men—who feature prominently in the pages that follow—were among my father's favourites. It was my father who explained to me that, technically, a quotation is simply an extract from something someone has written or said. What makes a quotation worth noting—and collecting—is its 'quotability'. According to my dad, a quotable quotation has to pass several tests. Is it memorable? Do you want to share it with others? Does it stand on its own? Is it interesting in itself? And, if it's intended to be a humorous quotation, is it funny?

When I first began collecting quotations it was just for the fun of them, but quite quickly I began to realize how useful they could be. I used them in school essays to give my plodding prose a bit of a lift. (Read on and you'll find that's a knack that's not deserted me.) I used them in conversation in the hope of raising a laugh. (If ever you have heard me on the radio playing *Just A Minute*, you will know that old habits die hard.) I used them in school debates to give my schoolboy utterances a rhetorical flourish. (And when I was an MP I did exactly the same thing.)

By the time I got to university, in the late 1960s, and was following, hopefully, in the footsteps of the likes of Gladstone and Asquith, John Buchan and Tony Benn as President of the Oxford Union, I don't think I had an original thought in my head. I was just a mass of other men's gems. And, as well as my notebooks crammed with random jottings from the great and the good, I now had several small boxes of cards featuring quips arranged alphabetically by subject and author and carefully cross-indexed.



It was at Oxford that I started to meet some of the people I was quoting. Robert Morley (actor), Frank Muir (with Denis Norden, creator of *Take It From Here*, a radio favourite of my childhood), and Clement Freud (grandson of Sigmund and matchless raconteur) were three of the professional humourists who kindly came to speak at the Union when I was President. Each lived up to his reputation—as did several of the politicians I first met then, notably Norman St John-Stevs (Conservative), Jeremy Thorpe (Liberal), and Michael Foot (Labour). You will find contributions from all of them here.

In fact, I realize as I write that, as well as collecting quotations over the past half-century, I have also been collecting the people I most like to quote.

There is almost no one who was born over the past one hundred years and who is quoted in the *Dictionary* whom I have not met. Kingsley Amis, Alan Ayckbourn, Alan Bennett, Maurice Bowra, Craig Brown, George Burns, Quentin Crisp, T. S. Eliot, Jackie Mason, John Mortimer, Joan Rivers, Stephen Sondheim, Tom Stoppard, Peter Ustinov, the Queen—I've known them all. Well, I have shaken their hands ... It's a start. (Joan Rivers was diminutive, by the way, and wonderfully wicked. I had lunch in New York with Quentin Crisp days before he died. He talked non-stop for about two hours, repeating his most famous lines with great charm, as if they were being new-minted just for me. Jackie Mason is the only one in that list with whom I did not feel comfortable. Off-stage, he struck me as a cold fish. I was interviewing him for the *Sunday Telegraph* and I think he felt he had already given enough interviews to last a lifetime. He thought his show would sell out without any help from me. He was right, no doubt.) Inevitably, some who feature in the pages that follow I have known better than others. I am the father of one of those quoted, but rest assured that the quotations from Benet Brandreth that appear here do so on merit alone. (It was my own father who gave me my contempt for nepotism.)

I was honoured to know the first editor of the *Oxford Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* quite well. Ned Sherrin was a writer, broadcaster, television producer, and theatre director. He was also an anecdotalist with few peers. I first came across him in the 1960s when he was riding the crest of the satire wave he helped to create as the producer of the BBC television series *That Was The Week That Was*. In 1971 I presented my own first BBC radio series, *A Rhyme in Time*. One of the resident panellists on the show was Caryl Brahms, a kind and witty woman whose chief claim to fame was (and will forever be) the comic novels she wrote with S. J. Simon in the 1930s and 1940s. After Simon's death, Caryl teamed up with Ned and they collaborated on a series of books and plays and musicals. In the 1980s Ned and I teamed up to write a television situation comedy together for ITV. It was called *The Old Boy* and was all about a prime minister living in reluctant retirement. It did not get very far because Peter Ustinov, who was due to play the lead, pulled out at the last minute. (Perhaps he had received a call from Jackie Mason?)

From the 1980s onward I met up regularly with Ned. He always made me laugh and he always amazed me by having ever at the ready an amusing and apposite story whatever the subject or person under discussion. Together we compiled an anthology of anecdotes and put-downs about the worlds of theatre and music (*Cutting Edge, or 'Back in the Knife Box, Miss Sharp'*), and at the last lunch



at which he spoke in public, before throat cancer cruelly silenced him, we sat side by side—and he talked about this book.

Ned is largely responsible for all the classic quotations you will find here—from both sides of the Atlantic. He knew his Mark Twain and his Dorothy Parker as well as his Dr Johnson, his Charles Dickens, and his Sydney Smith. He is wholly responsible for all the song lyrics. No one knew the lyrics of W. S. Gilbert, Noël Coward, Ira Gershwin, E. Y. Harburg, Lorenz Hart, Cole Porter, and Stephen Sondheim as Ned did. In fact, I think he was almost too fond of them and, in editing this edition, boldly I have cut some of Ned's darlings to make way for a few of my own.

In the pages that follow I hope you will find all that you would expect to find, and plenty of surprises as well. There is a place here for all types and conditions of people—politicians, playwrights, philosophers, philanderers, performers, priests, and poets, from Diane Abbott MP to Benjamin Zephaniah—with one *proviso*. This is a dictionary of humorous quotations. To get in you have got to make the editor laugh. Or smile. Or at least raise an eyebrow in wry amusement.

In my lifetime, I have been lucky enough to know the professional funny men and women of several generations. When I was young, I was befriended by the comedian Cyril Fletcher and, through him and others, I got to know and admire a whole generation of entertainers—Wee Georgie Wood, Arthur Askey, Tommy Trinder, Ted Ray, Max Wall—who began their careers in music-hall and variety. In the late 1960s, when I started to work in radio and television, I began to meet the stars who I had first found funny when I was a boy: Kenneth Williams, Frankie Howerd, Harry Worth, and Dick Emery among them. Soon I found myself working with comedians of every ilk, from the more sophisticated (Dave Allen, Bob Monkhouse) to the less so (Frank Carson, Charlie Williams) and now, in the teens of the twenty-first century, I find I am friends with a raft of younger comics—Jack Whitehall, David Mitchell, Russell Kane, Milton Jones, John Bishop—who weren't even alive when I first played a working men's club in Manchester, as the support act to Bernard Manning. (I shared a dressing room with the stripper, but that's another story.)

The funniest people I have seen on stage include Jim Davidson (yes), Victoria Wood, Ken Dodd, and Barry Humphries in his guise as Dame Edna Everage. The funniest people I have had dinner with include Alan Bennett, Kenneth Williams, Vincent Price, and the actor and casting director, Noel Davis. What surprised me when I had finished work on this edition of the *Dictionary* was how few of these very funny people had made my final cut. The reason is this: people who are funny in the flesh—on stage, on TV, across the dinner table—aren't necessarily so droll pinned down on the page and confined within quotation marks. Frankie Howerd in full flow was hilarious, but it was his stage *persona* and his manner of delivery that were funny rather than his material.

Comedians do feature in the pages that follow and some of them get more credit than is perhaps their due. We know Bob Hope said funny things, but how many of them did he think of himself? Does it matter? Because this is an Oxford Dictionary of Quotations and, rightly, we take these matters seriously, the *Dictionary's* Associate Editor, Susan Ratcliffe, and her team at the Oxford University Press, have done their best to give every quotation a reliable attribution. It is not always easy. Very often, a comedian's scriptwriter (or, indeed,



a politician's) is a shadowy figure whose name is destined never to be known. And, sometimes, it is simply impossible to discover 'who said it' and 'who said it first'. For example, which contemporary British comedian said this: 'My dad used to say "always fight fire with fire", which is probably why he got thrown out of the fire brigade'? Some believe it was Peter Kay who said it first. Others are adamant it was Harry Hill. Do you toss a coin to arrive at the truth?

Who first said, 'I have to go on working. I've discovered that money is the one thing keeping me in touch with my children'? It is a good line, isn't it? I am certain I thought of it. My first wife is equally certain I stole it—from whom she does not know. ('I call her my "first wife". I am still married to her. I only call her that to keep her on her toes ...' Now, *that* line I did steal, from the broadcaster and humorist Kenneth Robinson, in about 1982. But who *he* stole it from I cannot tell you.)

Some modern comedians are very sensitive about their material and pounce if they think you have purloined a line that they originated. Comics and wits of an earlier era were less precious. Oscar Wilde was famously relaxed about people who pinched his quips—and not at all ashamed of borrowing other men's flowers to rearrange in verbal bouquets of his own.

Oscar Wilde, I think, is the person most quoted in this book—not surprisingly. He made it his business to be witty and I have been collecting his choicest lines for as long as I can remember. In 1961, when I was thirteen, I was given his Complete Works and read them from cover to cover—all 1,118 pages. I cannot have understood much, but I relished the language and learnt by heart his 'Phrases and Philosophies for the Use of the Young'. My favourite is still this one: 'Wickedness is a myth invented by good people to account for the curious attractiveness of others.'

As a boy, I felt a special kinship with Oscar Wilde because I was a pupil at an English boarding school called Bedales, where Cyril, the older of Wilde's two sons, had been at school. The founder of Bedales, John Badley, was a friend of the Wilde family, and still alive and living in the school grounds when I was a boy. Mr Badley told me (in 1965, at around the time of his hundredth birthday) that he believed that much of Oscar's 'spontaneous wit' was, in fact, 'carefully studied'. He recalled staying at a house party in Cambridge with Oscar and travelling back with him to London by train. Assorted fellow guests came to the station to see them on their way. At the moment the train was due to pull out, Wilde delivered a valedictory quip, then the guard blew the whistle and waved his green flag, the admirers on the platform cheered, Wilde sank back into his seat and the train moved off. Unfortunately, it only moved a yard or two before juddering to a halt. The group on the platform gathered again outside the compartment occupied by Wilde and Badley. Oscar hid behind his newspaper and hissed at his companion, 'They've had my parting shot. I only prepared one.'

When I told this story to the actor Donald Sinden he volunteered that Wilde's friend, Lord Alfred Douglas, whom Sir Donald had got to know in the 1940s, had told him too that much of Wilde's spontaneous wit was carefully worked out in advance—and frequently repeated. Lord Alfred Douglas also claimed to be the originator of several of Wilde's most famous lines.

I hope you will find that all the attributions in this book are accurate. Susan Ratcliffe and her team have been dogged in their researches. For example,



I wanted to include this line in the collection: 'Under pressure, people admit to murder, setting fire to the village church, or robbing a bank, but never to being bores.' In other books and on the world-wide web, the quotation is attributed to Elsa Maxwell, American columnist and hostess. But did she actually say it? And, if so, when, where, and to whom? Nobody seems to know for sure. Just because something is repeated *ad nauseam* on the web does not mean that it is true. The line has made the final cut because I like it, but it appears with the *caveat* that it is 'attributed' to Mrs Maxwell. Hand on heart, we cannot promise that she actually ever said it.

We are not entirely sure that King George V ever said 'Bugger Bognor', either. According to legend, these were the King's last words. In January 1936, when the royal physician told the dying monarch he'd soon be on the mend and recuperating at his favourite seaside resort, His Majesty retorted 'Bugger Bognor'—and expired. That is too good to be the true story. I think *this* version is much more likely ... In 1929, several years before his death, the King is in Bognor convalescing from an earlier illness. He is recovering well and he is about to go home when a deputation from the town council comes to call on His Majesty, both to pay its dutiful respects and humbly to beg that the town might in future be given the signal honour of being known as Bognor Regis. The town council's request is duly conveyed to the sovereign by his private secretary. That's when the king says, 'Bugger Bognor!'—and the private secretary returns to the delegation. 'His Majesty is touched by your request,' he reports, 'and graciously pleased to accede to it.'

This is the *Oxford Dictionary of Humorous Quotations*. We have to get things right. When a quotation is of doubtful origin, we make that clear. When we absolutely don't know who said it first, but can't resist it, we give credit to a character called 'Anonymous'. When we have a good line that crops up in several forms, we pick the version we most trust and the one that best expresses the idea involved. For example, Shakespeare (like Wilde) often used exactly the same joke in different ways in different plays. This, I think, was the Bard's favourite joke:

Art thou his father?

Ay, sir, so his mother says, if I may believe her.

That's how Shakespeare gives us the gag in *The Taming of the Shrew*, act V, scene 1. The same joke crops up again in *Much Ado About Nothing*, act I, scene 1:

I think this is your daughter.

Her Mother hath many times told me so ...

And in *Love's Labour's Lost*, act II, scene 1:

Pray you sir, whose daughter?

Her mother's I have heard ...

And again in *The Merchant of Venice*, act II, scene 2:

I am Launcelot the Jew's Man, and I am sure Margery your wife is my mother ...

And half-a-dozen times more.



Many people have made this *Dictionary* possible. William Shakespeare and Oscar Wilde are two of them. My late father and Ned Sherrin, of course, are two more. (Both barristers, as it happens, and Exeter College, Oxford, men.) Others to thank for their contributions include Gerry Hanson, Merlin Holland, Matthew Horsford, Jeremy Nicholas, Ken Thomson, and Roger Lewis. (Roger Lewis, incidentally, is one of the funniest writers of our time—though he does not feature in the book. With some writers, the laughter comes by the page rather than the gobbet.) As well as Susan Ratcliffe and her team in Oxford, two people, in particular, have ensured that this edition of the *Dictionary* is not locked in antiquity and has a much broader and better representation of contemporary and female contributions than before. They are my wife Michele Brown (author, publisher, and sometime editor of *Hammer & Tongues, A Dictionary of Women's Wit and Humour*) and my daughter, Saethryd Brandreth, who has searched far and wide for quotations that reflect our time and yet look as though they might stand the test of time.

It has been a pleasure and an honour to edit this edition of the *Oxford Dictionary of Humorous Quotations*. Now you have it in your hands, let me sign off in contemporary fashion by simply saying, 'Enjoy'. I would have said, 'Have a nice day', but then I remembered that when someone said that to Peter Ustinov, he replied, 'Thank you, but I have other plans.' That's the joy of this line of work. I always have a quotation for everything—it saves original thinking.

Gyles Brandreth



# How to Use the Dictionary

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## Finding a quotation...

### ...on a subject

The dictionary is arranged by subject, so quotations about **Food** or **Love** are grouped together. Some subjects cover related topics such as **Apology and Excuses**, and others cover opposites such as **Hope and Despair**. A list of all the subjects can be found on page xv. If the subject you want is not listed, try looking for the word and related terms in the Keyword Index.

### ...if you know the words

If you want to find out about a particular quotation, you can find it by looking in the Keyword Index, where the most significant words from each entry are indexed with a reference to help you find it (see **Using the indexes** below).

### ...by an author

If you are looking for quotations by a particular author, you can find them by looking in the Author Index, which guides you to all of the quotations from each author (see **Using the indexes** below).

## About the order...

### ...of subjects

The subjects are arranged in alphabetical order from **Academic Life** to **Youth**. For joint subjects such as **Sleep and Dreams** the main entry is found at **Sleep**, and a cross-reference will direct you there from **Dreams**.

### ...of quotations

Within each theme, quotations are given in alphabetical order of author surname. After the text of the quotation the author is given, followed by a note of its source. Essential background information is given before the quotation text in an italicized note, while supplementary or explanatory information is given after it.

Quotations which are in general currency but which are not at present traceable to a specific source are described as 'attributed'; quotations which are popularly attributed to an author but whose authenticity is doubted include a note such as 'perhaps apocryphal'.

## Looking elsewhere in the book...

### ...for related subjects

After each heading, cross references are given to any related subjects which may also be relevant: for example '**Business** see also **Management**'.



**...for related quotations**

Where one quotation is closely linked to another, a cross reference will direct you to the related quotation. Such references are to the name of the subject (sometimes in shortened form), followed by the number of the quotation within the subject: 'see **CRIME 5**' means look at the fifth quotation in the subject **Crime and Punishment**.

**Using the indexes...****...keywords**

The most significant words from each quotation appear in the Keyword Index. Each instance of a keyword, abbreviated to its initial letter, is given with a short section of the surrounding text to help identify it. Both the headwords and the sections of text are in alphabetical order. To simplify searching, words are indexed in their standard British English form, regardless of spelling in the original.

**...authors**

Each author who appears in the text is included in the Author Index, followed by a list of references to their quotations. Authors are listed in alphabetical order of surname.

**...references**

Index references are to the name of the subject (sometimes in shortened form), followed by the number of the item within the subject: **FAMILY 7** means the seventh item in the subject **The Family**.



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see also **EDUCATION**

Old professors never die, they merely lose their faculties. **Stephen Fry**

- 1 You can always tell a Harvard man, but you can't tell him much.
  - **James Barnes** 1866–1936 American writer: attributed
- 2 I was not unpopular [at school]...It is Oxford that has made me insufferable.
  - **Max Beerbohm** 1872–1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: *More* (1899) 'Going Back to School'
- 3 In my day, the principal concerns of university students were sex, smoking dope, rioting and learning. Learning was something you did only when the first three weren't available.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951– American travel writer: *The Lost Continent* (1989)
- 4 No academic person is ever voted into the chair until he has reached an age at which he has forgotten the meaning of the word 'irrelevant'.
  - **Francis M. Cornford** 1874–1943 English academic: *Microcosmographia Academica* (1908)
- 5 Old professors never die, they merely lose their faculties.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: *The Liar* (1991)
- 6 **JOHNSON**: I had no notion that I was wrong or irreverent to my tutor.  
**BOSWELL**: That, Sir, was great fortitude of mind.  
**JOHNSON**: No, Sir; stark insensibility.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *James Boswell Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 31 October 1728
- 7 I find that the three major administrative problems on campus are sex for the students, athletics for the alumni, and parking for the faculty.
  - **Clark Kerr** 1911–2003 American academic: speech at the University of Washington, in *Time* magazine 17 November 1958
- 8 That state of resentful coma that...dons dignify by the name of research.
  - **Harold Laski** 1893–1950 British Labour politician: letter to Oliver Wendell Holmes, 10 October 1922
- 9 Most people tire of a lecture in ten minutes; clever people can do it in five. Sensible people never go to lectures at all.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869–1944 Canadian humorist: *My Discovery of England* (1922)
- 10 In university they don't tell you that the greater part of the law is learning to tolerate fools.
  - **Doris Lessing** 1919– English writer: *Martha Quest* (1952)
- 11 *of writer friends with degrees in English*: University seems to have turned them into Conan the Grammarians, who fret over perfect sentence construction.
  - **Kathy Lette** 1958– Australian writer: in *Daily Telegraph* 30 November 2002
- 12 The Socratic method is a game at which only one (the professor) can play.
  - **Ralph Nader** 1934– American consumer protectionist: *Joel Seligman The High Citadel* (1978)
- 13 Liberals have invented whole college majors—psychology, sociology, women's studies—to prove that nothing is anybody's fault.
  - **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Give War a Chance* (1992)
- 14 Very nice sort of place, Oxford, I should think, for people that like that sort of place. They teach you to be a gentleman there. In the Polytechnic they teach you to be an engineer or such like.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 15 *replying to Woodrow Wilson's 'And what*



*in your opinion is the trend of the modern English undergraduate?':*

Steadily towards drink and women,  
Mr President.

- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: attributed

- 16 I expect you'll be becoming a schoolmaster, sir. That's what most of the gentlemen does, sir, that gets sent down for indecent behaviour.

- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)

# Acting

see also **ACTORS, FILM STARS, THEATRE**

*Shakespeare is so tiring. You never get a chance to sit down unless you're a king.*

**George S. Kaufman and Howard Teichmann**

- 1 **METHOD ACTOR:** What is my motivation?  
**ABBOTT:** Your job.

- **George Abbott** 1887-1995 American director, producer, and dramatist: in *New York Times* 2 February 1995

- 2 For an actress to be a success, she must have the face of a Venus, the brains of a Minerva, the grace of Terpsichore, the memory of a Macaulay, the figure of Juno, and the hide of a rhinoceros.

- **Ethel Barrymore** 1879-1959 American actress: George Jean Nathan *The Theatre in the Fifties* (1953)

- 3 Every actor has a natural animosity towards every other actor, present or absent, living or dead.

- **Louise Brooks** 1906-85 American actress: *Lulu in Hollywood* (1982)

- 4 Like acting with 210 pounds of condemned veal.  
*of a dull actor*

- **Coral Browne** 1913-91 Australian actress: attributed

- 5 *auditioning a one-legged man for the role of Tarzan:*

The leg division, Mr Spiggot. You are deficient in it to the tune of one. Your right leg, I like...it's a lovely leg for the role...I've got nothing against your right leg. The trouble is—neither have you.

- **Peter Cook** 1937-95 English comedian and actor: *Not Only But Also* (BBC2 TV, 1964) 'One Leg Too Few'

- 6 Don't put your daughter on the stage,  
Mrs Worthington,  
Don't put your daughter on the stage.  
Though they said at the school of acting

She was lovely as Peer Gynt,  
I'm afraid on the whole  
An ingénue role  
Would emphasize her squint.

- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist: 'Mrs Worthington' (1935)

- 7 **CLAUDETTE COLBERT:** I knew these lines backwards last night.

**NOËL COWARD:** And that's just the way you're saying them this morning.

- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist: Cole Lesley *The Life of Noel Coward* (1976)

- 8 *noted for his 'Method' acting:*

Just on the chance I might one day have to speak on an evening such as this I've actually stayed in character as myself for the last 55 years.

- **Daniel Day-Lewis** 1957- English actor: accepting a Best Actor award at the BAFTAs, 10 February 2013

- 9 She's the only sylph I ever saw, who could stand upon one leg, and play the tambourine on her other knee, like a sylph.

- **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839)

- 10 I found out that acting was hell. You spend all your time trying to do what



- they put people in asylums for.
- **Jane Fonda** 1937- American actress: attributed; J. R. Colombo *Wit and Wisdom of the Moviemakers* (1979)
- 11 *when asked to say something terrifying during rehearsals for Peter Brook's Oedipus in 1968:*  
We open in two weeks.
- **John Gielgud** 1904-2000 English actor: Peter Hay *Theatrical Anecdotes* (1987)
- 12 *when asked by Michael Hordern for advice before playing Lear for the first time:*  
All I can tell you is, get a light Cordelia.
- **John Gielgud** 1904-2000 English actor: attributed, in *New York Times* 4 May 1995
- 13 An actor is a kind of a guy who if you ain't talking about him ain't listening.
- **George Glass** 1910-84 American film producer: Bob Thomas *Brando* (1973); said to be quoted frequently by Marlon Brando
- 14 I acted so tragic the house rose like magic,  
The audience yelled 'You're sublime.'  
They made me a present of  
Mornington Crescent  
They threw it a brick at a time.
- **W. F. Hargreaves** 1846-1919 British songwriter: 'The Night I Appeared as Macbeth' (1922)
- 15 Acting is the most minor of gifts and not a very high-class way to earn a living. Shirley Temple could do it at the age of four.
- **Katharine Hepburn** 1907-2003 American actress: attributed; Nigel Rees *Cassell's Movie Quotations* (2000)
- 16 *on reticent British acting:*  
I am well, except for a slight cold caught watching Sir Gerald du Maurier making love.
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Ilka Chase *Past Imperfect* (1942)
- 17 Shakespeare is so tiring. You never get a chance to sit down unless you're a king.
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 and **Howard Teichmann** 1916-87 American dramatists: *The Solid Gold Cadillac* (1953); spoken by Josephine Hull
- 18 *on being refused membership of an exclusive golf-club:*  
I'm not an actor, and I enclose my press cuttings to prove it.
- **Victor Mature** 1915-99 American actor: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 19 *on nudity:*  
The part never calls for it. And I've never ever used that excuse. The box office calls for it.
- **Helen Mirren** 1945- English actress: in *Independent* 22 March 1994
- 20 When you do Shakespeare they think you must be intelligent because they think you understand what you're saying.
- **Helen Mirren** 1945- English actress: interviewed on *Ruby Wax Meets...*; in *Mail on Sunday* 16 February 1997
- 21 The only thing wrong with performing was that you couldn't phone it in.
- **Robert Mitchum** 1917-97 American actor: attributed; in *Sunday Times* (Magazine section) 11 May 1980
- 22 I used to work for a living, then I became an actor.
- **Roger Moore** 1927- English actor: in *Independent* 1 July 1989
- 23 *on the part of Lear:*  
When you've the strength for it, you're too young; when you've the age you're too old. It's a bugger, isn't it?
- **Laurence Olivier** 1907-89 English actor: in *Sunday Telegraph* 4 May 1986
- 24 *on being congratulated on his performance as the Captain in Strindberg's bleak play about the misery of marriage, The Dance of Death:*  
It wasn't difficult. There isn't a line that I haven't said to one of my three wives.
- **Laurence Olivier** 1907-89 English actor: Michael Meyer *Not Prince Hamlet* (1989)
- 25 The difference between being a director and being an actor is the difference between being the carpenter banging the nails into the wood, and being the piece of wood the nails are being banged into.
- **Sean Penn** 1960- American actor: in *Guardian* 28 November 1991



- 26 Acting is merely the art of keeping a large group of people from coughing.  
 ▪ **Ralph Richardson** 1902-83 English actor: in *New York Herald Tribune* 19 May 1946
- 27 I don't care for Lady Macbeth in the streetwalking scene.  
 ▪ **Edward Linley Sambourne** 1844-1910 English cartoonist: R. G. C. Price *A History of Punch* (1957)
- 28 The best actors in the world, either for tragedy, comedy, history, pastoral, pastoral-comical, historical-pastoral, tragical-historical, tragical-comical-historical-pastoral, scene individable, or poem unlimited.  
 ▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Hamlet* (1601)
- 29 I wish sir, you would practise this without me. I can't stay dying here all night.  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist: *The Critic* (1779)
- 30 I told Mad Frankie Fraser 'I'm doing Hamlet'—he said, 'I'll do him for you.'  
 ▪ **Arthur Smith** 1954- English comedian: *Arthur Smith's Hamlet*
- 31 *to an over-genteel actress in an Egyptian drama:*  
 Oh my God! Remember you're in Egypt.
- The *skay* is only seen in Kensington.  
 ▪ **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: M. Peters *Mrs Pat* (1984)
- 32 *to a motley collection of American females, assembled to play ladies-in-waiting to a queen:*  
 Ladies, just a little more virginity, if you don't mind.  
 ▪ **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: Alexander Woollcott *Shouts and Murmurs* (1923)
- 33 *definition of acting:*  
 Shouting in the evenings.  
 ▪ **Patrick Troughton** 1920-87 British actor: recalled as heard in a radio interview; Michael Simkins *What's My Motivation?* (2004)
- 34 Talk low, talk slow, and don't say much.  
 ▪ **John Wayne** 1907-79 American actor: attributed
- 35 They say an actor is only as good as his parts. Well, my parts have done me pretty well, darling.  
 ▪ **Barbara Windsor** 1937- English actress: in *Times* 13 February 1999
- 36 Acting is like sex. You should do it, not talk about it.  
 ▪ **Joanne Woodward** 1930- American actress: attributed, 1987; in Nigel Rees *Cassell's Movie Quotations* (2000)

# Actors

see also **ACTING, FILM STARS**

Dramatic art, in her opinion, is knowing how to fill a sweater. **Bette Davis**

- 1 *Alfred Hitchcock, who was directing her in Torn Curtain, complained that a spotlight was 'making a hell of a line over her head':*  
 That's my halo.  
 ▪ **Julie Andrews** 1935- English actress and singer: Robert Windeler *Julie Andrews* (1970)
- 2 My only regret in the theatre is that I could never sit out front and watch me.  
 ▪ **John Barrymore** 1882-1942 American actor: Eddie Cantor *The Way I See It* (1959)
- 3 Nobody thought Mel Gibson could play  
 a Scot but look at him now! Alcoholic and a racist!  
 ▪ **Frankie Boyle** 1972- British comedian: at the Edinburgh Festival, 2006, in *Independent* 26 August 2006
- 4 This Thane of Cawdor would be unnerved by Banquo's valet, never mind Banquo's ghost.  
*of Michael Hordern in Macbeth in 1959*  
 ▪ **Alan Brien** 1925-2008 English journalist: Diana Rigg *No Turn Unstoned* (1982)
- 5 Tallulah Bankhead barged down the



- Nile last night as Cleopatra—and sank.  
 ▪ **John Mason Brown** 1900–69 American critic: in *New York Post* 11 November 1937
- 6 You were the first person I thought of to play a chimpanzee.  
*asking Helena Bonham Carter to star in Planet of the Apes*  
 ▪ **Tim Burton** 1958– American film director: in *Scotsman* 3 March 2010
- 7 Tallulah [Bankhead] is always skating on thin ice. Everyone wants to be there when it breaks.  
 ▪ **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: in *Times* 13 December 1968
- 8 *of a rival:*  
 Such a clever actress. Pity she does her hair with Bovril.  
 ▪ **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993); attributed
- 9 *the daughter of Sybil Thorndike and Lewis Casson explaining to a telephone enquiry why neither of her charitably inclined parents was at home:*  
 Daddy is reading Shakespeare Sonnets to the blind and Mummy's playing Shakespeare to the lepers.  
 ▪ **Ann Casson** 1915–90 British actress: recounted by Emlyn Williams; James Harding *Emlyn Williams* (1987)
- 10 She [Edith Evans] took her curtain calls as though she had just been un-nailed from the cross.  
 ▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist: diary, 25 October 1964
- 11 *seeing a poster for 'Michael Redgrave and Dirk Bogarde in The Sea Shall Not Have Them':*  
 I fail to see why not; everyone else has.  
 ▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 12 Anna Neagle playing Queen Victoria always made me think that Albert must have married beneath him.  
 ▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 13 Dramatic art, in her opinion, is knowing how to fill a sweater.  
*on Jayne Mansfield*  
 ▪ **Bette Davis** 1908–89 American actress: attributed
- 14 *of Creston Clarke as King Lear:*  
 He played the King as though under momentary apprehension that someone else was about to play the ace.  
 ▪ **Eugene Field** 1850–95 American writer: review attributed to Field; in *Denver Tribune* c.1880
- 15 Dear Ingrid—speaks five languages and can't act in any of them.  
*of Ingrid Bergman*  
 ▪ **John Gielgud** 1904–2000 English actor: Ronald Harwood *The Ages of Gielgud* (1984); attributed
- 16 People like to hear me say 'shit' in my gorgeous voice.  
*of his popularity in America*  
 ▪ **John Gielgud** 1904–2000 English actor: in *New Yorker* 10 July 2000; attributed
- 17 My dear fellow, I never saw anything so funny in my life, and yet it was not in the least bit vulgar.  
*of Beerbohm Tree's Hamlet (1892)*  
 ▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: D. Bispham *A Quaker Singer's Recollections* (1920)
- 18 On the stage he was natural, simple, affecting;  
 'Twas only that when he was off he was acting.  
*of David Garrick*  
 ▪ **Oliver Goldsmith** 1730–74: *Retaliation* (1774)
- 19 Many actors want to play Hamlet and Macbeth, and ever since I became an actor from the very beginning, I just wanted to play a Shetland pony. I can't explain why.  
 ▪ **Dustin Hoffman** 1937– American actor: in *Observer* 30 January 2005
- 20 She was good at playing abstract confusion in the same way that a midget is good at being short.  
*on Marilyn Monroe*  
 ▪ **Clive James** 1939– Australian critic and writer: *Visions Before Midnight* (1977)



- 21 Massey won't be satisfied until he's assassinated.  
on Raymond Massey's 'sincerity' in playing Lincoln  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 22 I've made so many movies playing a hooker that they don't pay me in the regular way any more. They leave it on the dresser.  
▪ **Shirley MacLaine** 1934- American actress: in *New Woman* July 1989
- 23 There were three things that Chico was always on—a phone, a horse or a broad.  
▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 24 I'd like to work with her again in something appropriate. Perhaps Macbeth.  
after starring opposite Barbra Streisand in *Hello, Dolly!*  
▪ **Walter Matthau** 1920-2000 American actor: Anne Edwards *Streisand: It Only Happens Once* (1996)
- 25 watching Spencer Tracy on the set of *Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde* (1941): Which is he playing now?  
▪ **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: attributed; Leslie Halliwell *The Filmgoer's Book of Quotes* (1978 edn)
- 26 Left eyebrow raised, right eyebrow raised.  
summary of his acting range  
▪ **Roger Moore** 1927- English actor: David Brown *Star Billing* (1985)
- 27 of Katharine Hepburn at the first night of *The Lake* (1933):  
She ran the whole gamut of the emotions from A to B, and put some distance between herself and a more experienced colleague [Alison Skipworth] lest she catch acting from her.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic: attributed
- 28 Any man who hates dogs and babies can't be all bad.  
of W. C. Fields, and often attributed to him  
▪ **Leo Rosten** 1908-97 American writer and social scientist: speech at Masquers' Club dinner, 16 February 1939
- 29 Through it all, I have remained consistently and nauseatingly adorable. In fact, I have been known to cause diabetes.  
▪ **Meg Ryan** 1961- American actress: at Women in Hollywood luncheon, 1999
- 30 It is greatly to Mrs Patrick Campbell's credit that, bad as the play was, her acting was worse.  
review of *Sardou Fedora* 1 June 1895  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Our Theatre in the Nineties* (1932)
- 31 As Virgilia in *Coriolanus* she yearns so hungrily that I longed to throw her a fish.  
of Claire Bloom in 1955  
▪ **Kenneth Tynan** 1927-80 English critic: *Curtains* (1961)
- 32 Forty years ago he was Slightly in *Peter Pan*, and you might say that he has been wholly in *Peter Pan* ever since.  
of Noël Coward  
▪ **Kenneth Tynan** 1927-80 English theatre critic: *Curtains* (1961)
- 33 ALISON SKIPWORTH: You forget I've been an actress for forty years.  
MAE WEST: Don't worry, dear. I'll keep your secret.  
▪ **Mae West** 1892-1980 American actress: G. Eells and S. Musgrove *Mae West* (1989)
- 34 on the Burton-Taylor *Private Lives* in 1964: He's miscast and she's Miss Taylor.  
▪ **Emlyn Williams** 1905-87 Welsh dramatist: James Harding *Emlyn Williams* (1987)
- 35 She was like a sinking ship firing on the rescuers.  
of Mrs Patrick Campbell in her later years  
▪ **Alexander Woollcott** 1887-1943 American writer: *While Rome Burns* (1944) 'The First Mrs Tanqueray'



# Advertising

The consumer isn't a moron; she is your wife. **David Ogilvy**

- 1 While you were out your exterminator called.  
*heading of leaflet left in a New York letter-box*
  - **Anonymous:** Sylvia Townsend Warner letter to David Garnett, 12 May 1967
- 2 Surely any society that permits the substitution of 'kwik' for 'quick' and 'e.z.' for 'easy' does not deserve Shakespeare, Eliot or Michener.  
*on the language of advertising*
  - **Russell Baker** 1925– American journalist: column in *New York Times*; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 3 Doing business without advertising is like winking at a girl in the dark. You know what you are doing but nobody else does.
  - **Stewart Henderson Britt** 1907–79 American advertising consultant: in *New York Herald Tribune* 30 October 1956
- 4 It is far easier to write ten passably effective sonnets, good enough to take in the not too enquiring critic, than one effective advertisement that will take in a few thousand of the uncritical buying public.
  - **Aldous Huxley** 1894–1963 English novelist: *On the Margin* (1923) 'Advertisement'
- 5 Advertising may be described as the science of arresting human intelligence long enough to get money from it.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869–1944 Canadian humorist: *Garden of Folly* (1924)
- 6 I think that I shall never see  
A billboard lovely as a tree.  
Perhaps, unless the billboards fall,  
I'll never see a tree at all.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: 'Song of the Open Road' (1933)
- 7 The consumer isn't a moron; she is your wife.
  - **David Ogilvy** 1911–99 British-born advertising executive: *Confessions of an Advertising Man* (1963)
- 8 Advertising is the rattling of a stick inside a swill-bucket.
  - **George Orwell** 1903–50 English novelist: *Keep the Aspidistra Flying* (1936)
- 9 If the client moans and sighs,  
Make his logo twice the size.
  - **John Trench** 1920–2003 English writer: attributed, perhaps apocryphal; in *Times* 14 March 2003 (obituary)
- 10 *asked why he had made a commercial for American Express:*  
To pay for my American Express.
  - **Peter Ustinov** 1921–2004 British actor: in Ned Sherrin in *his Anecdote* (1993)
- 11 Don't sell the steak, sell the sizzle.
  - **Elmer Wheeler** American salesman: 1930s advertising slogan, attributed



# Advice

When in doubt buy shoes. **Marcelle D'Argy Smith**

- 1 Never play cards with a man called Doc. Never eat at a place called Mom's. Never sleep with a woman whose troubles are worse than your own.
  - **Nelson Algren** 1909–81 American novelist: in *Newsweek* 2 July 1956
- 2 It's not who you know, it's how you use them.
  - **Ed Arriens** 1977– British television producer: attributed
- 3 Consult, v. To seek another's approval of a course already decided on.
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 4 Be yourself. That's the worst advice you could give an impressionist.
  - **Rory Bremner** 1961– British impressionist and comedian: attributed
- 5 She generally gave herself very good advice (though she very seldom followed it).
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832–98 English writer: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865)
- 6 Start every day with a smile and get it over with.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 7 *appearing as an agony aunt on an American television show:*  
 QUESTION: My fiancé gave me a car, a mink coat, and a stove. Is it proper for me to accept these gifts?  
 GABOR: Of course not! Send back the stove.
  - **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917– Hungarian-born actress: *TV Guide Roundup* (1960)
- 8 Always buy a good pair of shoes and a good bed—if you're not in one you're in the other.  
*advice from her mother*
  - **Gloria Hunniford** 1941– British broadcaster: in *Mail on Sunday* 16 June 2002
- 9 Don't forgive and never forget; do unto others before they do unto you; and third and most importantly, keep your eye on your friends, because your enemies will take care of themselves.
  - **David Jacobs** 1939– American screenwriter: *Dallas* (CBS TV, 1987), spoken by Larry Hagman as J.R. Ewing; see *lifestyle* 3
- 10 It's useless to hold a person to anything he says while he's in love, drunk or running for office.
  - **Shirley MacLaine** 1934– American actress: attributed
- 11 Don't accept rides from strange men, and remember that all men are strange as hell.
  - **Robin Morgan** 1941– American feminist: *Sisterhood is Powerful* (1970)
- 12 Never trust a dog with orange eyebrows,  
 Always get the young man's name and address,  
 Never get between two mirrors,  
 And always wear completely clean underwear every day because you never knew when you were going to be knocked down and killed by a runaway horse and if people found you had unsatisfactory underwear on, you'd die of shame.  
*advice given to Desiderata Hollow by her grandmother*
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Witches Abroad* (1991)
- 13 When in doubt buy shoes.
  - **Marcelle D'Argy Smith** British journalist: attributed; in *Independent* 20 August 1997
- 14 Dr Ruth says we women should tell our lovers how to make love to us. My boyfriend goes nuts if I tell him how to drive.
  - **Pam Stone** 1959– American comedian: attributed



15 Above all, gentlemen, not the slightest zeal.

- **Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand** 1754–1838 French statesman: *P. Chasles Voyages d'un critique à travers la vie et les livres* (1868)

16 Always be sincere, even if you don't mean it.

- **Harry S. Truman** 1884–1972 American Democratic statesman: attributed

# Age and Ageing

see also **MIDDLE AGE, OLD AGE**

I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty. **George Burns**

1 Pushing forty? She's clinging on to it for dear life.

*one actress discussing another*

- **Anonymous:** saying, sometimes wrongly attributed to Ivy Compton-Burnett

2 It's sad to grow old—but nice to ripen.

- **Brigitte Bardot** 1934– French actress: *Tony Crawley Bébé: the Films of Brigitte Bardot* (1975)

3 I can remember when the air was clean and sex was dirty.

- **George Burns** 1896–1996 American comedian: attributed, perhaps apocryphal

4 Grandchildren don't make a man feel old; it's the knowledge that he's married to a grandmother.

- **G. Norman Collie:** attributed, 1955

5 The years that a woman subtracts from her age are not lost. They are added to the ages of other women.

- **Diane de Poitiers** 1499–1566 French mistress of Henri II: attributed

6 When a man fell into his anecdotage it was a sign for him to retire from the world.

- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Lothair* (1870)

7 Life begins at 40—but so do fallen arches, rheumatism, faulty eyesight, and the tendency to tell the same story to the same person three or four times.

- **William Feather** 1889–1981 American writer: attributed

8 I'm over the hill, but nobody prepared me for what was going to be on the

other side.

*on being 70*

- **Jane Fonda** 1937– American actress: in *Mail on Sunday* 6 January 2008

9 **QUESTIONER:** Which of the Gabors is the oldest?

**ZSA ZSA:** She would never admit it, but it's Mama.

- **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917– Hungarian-born actress: *Earl Wilson Hot Times: True Tales of Hollywood and Broadway* (1984)

10 When I wake up in the morning, I don't feel anything until noon, and then it's time for my nap.

- **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: accepting an award from Vietnam veterans, 23 May 1985

11 You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake.

- **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: attributed

12 *the new five ages of man:*

Lager, Aga, Saga, Viagra, Gaga.

- **Virginia Ironside** 1945– English journalist: at an *Oldie* lunch, in *Guardian* 23 February 2013

13 I do not call myself really old yet. Not till a young woman offers me her seat in a railway compartment will that tragedy really be mine.

- **E. V. Lucas** 1868–1938 English writer: *London Lavender* (1912)

14 A woman telling her true age is like a buyer confiding his final price to an Armenian rug dealer.

- **Mignon McLaughlin** 1913–83 American writer: *Complete Neurotic's Notebook* (1981)



- 15 I will never forget it! It was on the occasion of Ernie's eightieth birthday. He rang me up and said, 'Soph, Soph! I just married me a twenty-year old girl. What do you think of that?' I said to him, 'Ernie, when I am eighty I shall marry me a twenty-year-old boy. And let me tell you something, Ernie: twenty goes into eighty a helluva lot more than eighty goes into twenty!'
- **Bette Midler** 1945– American actress: *A View from a Broad* (1980)
- 16 When you've reached a certain age and think that a face-lift or a trendy way of dressing will make you feel twenty years younger, remember—nothing can fool a flight of stairs.
- **Denis Norden** 1922– English humorist: attributed
- 17 George, you're too old to get married again. Not only can't you cut the mustard, honey, you're too old to open the jar.  
*at a dinner to honour George Burns*
- **LaWanda Page** 1920–2002 American comedienne: *George Burns The Third time Round* (1980)
- 18 Age is a question of mind over matter.
- If you don't mind, it doesn't matter.
- **Leroy ('Satchel') Paige** 1906–82 American baseball player: *Bert Sugar Book of Sports Quotes* (1979)
- 19 I said to my husband, my boobs have gone, my stomach's gone, say something nice about my legs. He said, 'Blue goes with everything'.
- **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: attributed; *Michèle Brown and Ann O'Connor Hammer and Tongues* (1986)
- 20 Just remember, once you're over the hill you begin to pick up speed.
- **Charles Monroe Schulz** 1922–2000 American cartoonist: *Peanuts*
- 21 I feel like I'm twenty again—but with arthritis.  
*on his latest Rambo film*
- **Sylvester Stallone** 1946– American actor and film director: in *Daily Star* 11 February 2008
- 22 One should never trust a woman who tells one her real age. A woman who would tell one that, would tell one anything.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)

## Ambition

I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realise I should have been more specific. **Lily Tomlin**

- 1 seeing a commemorative stone engraved 'Laid by the Poet Laureate' (John Masefield):  
Every nice girl's ambition.
- **John Betjeman** 1906–84 English poet: *Bevis Hillier Betjeman: the Bonus of Laughter* (2004)
- 2 At the age of six I wanted to be a cook. At seven I wanted to be Napoleon. And my ambition has been growing steadily ever since.
- **Salvador Dali** 1904–89 Spanish painter: *The Secret Life of Salvador Dali* (1948)
- 3 People assume you slept your way to the top. Frankly, I couldn't sleep my way to the middle.
- **Joni Evans** American publisher: in *New York Times* 23 July 1986
- 4 My grandfather once told me that there two kinds of people: those who do the work and those who take the credit. He told me to try to be in the first group; there was much less competition there.
- **Indira Gandhi** 1917–84 Indian stateswoman: attributed, 1960s
- 5 The average Hollywood film star's ambition is to be admired by an



American, courted by an Italian, married to an Englishman, and have a French boyfriend.

- **Katharine Hepburn** 1907-2003 American actress: in *New York Journal-American* 22 February 1954

6 Nothing makes a man so adventurous as an empty pocket.

- **Victor Hugo** 1802-85 French writer: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* (1831)

7 For years politicians have promised the moon, I'm the first one to be able to deliver it.

- **Richard Milhous Nixon** 1913-94 American Republican statesman: on the first moon landing, 20 July 1969; attributed

8 Everybody wants to save the earth;

nobody wants to help Mom do the dishes.

- **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *All the Trouble in the World* (1994)

9 A self-made man is one who believes in luck and sends his son to Oxford.

- **Christina Stead** 1902-83 Australian novelist: *House of All Nations* (1938)

10 I always wanted to be somebody, but now I realise I should have been more specific.

- **Lily Tomlin** 1939- American comedienne and actress: attributed

11 *on being advised against joining the overcrowded legal profession:*

There is always room at the top.

- **Daniel Webster** 1782-1852 American politician: attributed

# America

see also **TOWNS**

The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children. **Edward VIII**

1 California is a fine place to live—if you happen to be an orange.

- **Fred Allen** 1894-1956 American humorist: in *American Magazine* December 1945

2 They're the experts where personality is concerned, the Americans; they've got it down to a fine art.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934- English writer: *Talking Heads* (1988)

3 Our bombs are incredibly smart. In fact, our bombs are better educated than the average high school graduate. At least they can find Kuwait.

- **A. Whitney Brown** 1952- American comedian: *Saturday Night Live* (NBC TV) 9 February 1991

4 I had forgotten just how flat and empty it [middle America] is. Stand on two phone books almost anywhere in Iowa and you get a view.

- **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *The Lost Continent* (1989)

5 When you're born, you get a ticket

to the freak show. If you're born in America, you get a front row seat.

- **George Carlin** 1937-2008 American comedian: James Sullivan *Seven Dirty Words: The Life and Crimes of George Carlin* (2010)

6 When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President. I'm beginning to believe it.

- **Clarence Darrow** 1857-1938 American lawyer: Irving Stone *Clarence Darrow for the Defence* (1941)

7 The thing that impresses me most about America is the way parents obey their children.

- **Edward VIII** 1894-1972 British king: in *Look* 5 March 1957

8 I'm as corny as Kansas in August I'm as normal as blueberry pie...  
...High as a flag on the fourth of July.

- **Oscar Hammerstein II** 1895-1960 American songwriter: 'I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy' (1949)



- 9 Once we had a Roosevelt  
Praise the Lord!  
Now we're stuck with Nixon, Agnew,  
Ford  
Brother, can you spare a rope!  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American  
songwriter: parody of 'Brother Can You  
Spare a Dime?', written for the *New York  
Times* at the time of Watergate
- 10 I could come back to America...to die—  
but never, never to live.  
▪ **Henry James** 1843-1916 American novelist:  
letter to Mrs William James, 1 April 1913
- 11 Never criticize Americans. They have  
the best taste that money can buy.  
▪ **Miles Kington** 1941-2008 English humorist:  
*Welcome to Kington* (1989)
- 12 *the universal philosophy of young America:*  
I can do that.  
▪ **Ed Kleban** 1939-87 American songwriter:  
song-title (1975)
- 13 So I really think that American  
gentlemen are the best after all, because  
kissing your hand may make you feel  
very very good but a diamond and safire  
bracelet lasts forever.  
▪ **Anita Loos** 1893-1981 American writer:  
*Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (1925)
- 14 The continental United States slopes  
gently from east to west, with the result  
that everything with a screw loose rolls  
into California.  
▪ **John Naughton** 1946- Irish academic: in  
*Observer* 30 September 2012
- 15 Wherever there is suffering, injustice  
and oppression, the Americans will  
show up, six months late, and bomb the  
country next to where it's happening.  
▪ **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous  
writer: *Peace Kills* (2004)
- 16 I like to be in America!  
O.K. by me in America!  
Ev'rything free in America  
For a small fee in America!  
▪ **Stephen Sondheim** 1930- American  
songwriter: 'America' (1957)
- 17 In the United States there is more  
space where nobody is than where  
anybody is. That is what makes  
America what it is.  
▪ **Gertrude Stein** 1874-1946 American  
writer: *The Geographical History of America*  
(1936)
- 18 In America any boy may become  
President and I suppose it's just one of  
the risks he takes!  
▪ **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American  
Democratic politician: speech in Detroit,  
7 October 1952
- 19 'American girls *do* have regrets', Amy  
said, 'That is what distinguishes them  
from French girls.'  
▪ **Amanda Vail** 1921-66 American writer:  
*Love Me Little* (1957)
- 20 In Europe, when a rich woman has  
an affair with a conductor, they have  
a baby. In America, she endows an  
orchestra for him.  
▪ **Edgard Varèse** 1885-1965 French-born  
American composer: Herman G. Weinberg  
*Saint Cinema* (1970)
- 21 The land of the dull and the home of  
the literal.  
▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American writer:  
*Reflections upon a Sinking Ship* (1969)
- 22 MRS ALLONBY: They say, Lady  
Hunstanton, that when good Americans  
die they go to Paris.  
LADY HUNSTANTON: Indeed? And when  
bad Americans die, where do they  
go to?  
LORD ILLINGWORTH: Oh, they go to  
America.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist:  
*A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 23 The youth of America is their oldest  
tradition. It has been going on now for  
three hundred years.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist:  
*A Woman of No Importance* (1893)



# Anger and Argument

Reason always means what someone else has got to say. **Elizabeth Gaskell**

- 1 Sir Roger told them, with the air of a man who would not give his judgement rashly, that much might be said on both sides.
  - **Joseph Addison** 1672–1719 English writer: *The Spectator* 20 July 1711
- 2 Anger makes dull men witty, but it keeps them poor.
  - **Francis Bacon** 1561–1626 English courtier: *Works* (1859) 'Baconiana'
- 3 I expect to pass through this world but once and therefore if there is anybody that I want to kick in the crutch I had better kick them in the crutch *now*, for I do not expect to pass this way again. *while lunching at the Reform Club with a bishop at the next table*
  - **Maurice Bowra** 1898–1971 English critic: *Arthur Marshall Life's Rich Pageant* (1984)
- 4 Violence is the repartee of the illiterate.
  - **Alan Brien** 1925–2008 English journalist: in *Punch* 7 February 1973
- 5 The time for action is past. Now is the time for senseless bickering!
  - **Ashleigh Brilliant** 1933– American writer and cartoonist: attributed
- 6 I've never won an argument with her; and the only times I thought I had I found out the argument wasn't over yet. *of his wife Rosalynn*
  - **Jimmy Carter** 1924– American Democratic statesman: in *Reader's Digest* March 1979
- 7 'My idea of an agreeable person,' said Hugo Bohun, 'is a person who agrees with me.'
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Conservative statesman: *Lothair* (1870)
- 8 What counts is not necessarily the size of the dog in the fight—it's the size of the fight in the dog.
  - **Dwight D. Eisenhower** 1890–1969 American Republican statesman: remark, Republican National Committee Breakfast, 31 January 1958
- 9 I'll not listen to reason...Reason always means what someone else has got to say.
  - **Elizabeth Gaskell** 1810–65 English novelist: *Cranford* (1853)
- 10 Those who in quarrels interpose, Must often wipe a bloody nose.
  - **John Gay** 1685–1732 English poet and dramatist: *Fables* (1727) 'The Mastiffs'
- 11 There is no arguing with Johnson; for when his pistol misses fire, he knocks you down with the butt end of it.
  - **Oliver Goldsmith** 1730–74 Irish writer: *James Boswell Life of Samuel Johnson* (1934 ed.) 26 October 1769
- 12 Any stigma, as the old saying is, will serve to beat a dogma.
  - **Philip Guedalla** 1889–1944 British historian: *Masters and Men* (1923)
- 13 When you get angry, they tell you, count to five before you reply. Why should I count to five? It's what happens *before* you count to five which makes life interesting.
  - **David Hare** 1947– English dramatist: *The Secret Rapture* (1988)
- 14 You may easily play a joke on a man who likes to argue—agree with him.
  - **E. W. Howe** 1853–1937 American novelist and editor: *Country Town Sayings* (1911)
- 15 The only person who listens to both sides of a husband and wife argument is the woman in the next apartment.
  - **Sam Levenson** 1911–80 American humorist: *You Can Say That Again, Sam!* (1975)
- 16 It's my rule never to lose me temper till it would be dethrimental to keep it.
  - **Sean O'Casey** 1880–1964 Irish dramatist: *The Plough and the Stars* (1926)
- 17 I storm and I roar, and I fall in a rage, And missing my whore, I bugger my page.
  - **Charles Sackville** 1638–1706 English poet: 'Regime d'vivre' (often attributed to Lord Rochester, but probably not by him)



- 18 John Major's self-control in cabinet was rigid. The most angry thing he would ever do was to throw down his pencil.
- **Gillian Shephard** 1940– English Conservative politician: in November 1999
- 19 *when two royal dukes walking on either side of him told him that they were trying to decide if he was a greater fool or rogue: Why, i' faith, I believe I am between both.*
- **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist: *Walter Jerrold Bon-Mots* (1893)
- 20 *on seeing two Edinburgh women hurling insults at one another across an alleyway: Those two women will never agree;*

they are arguing from different premises.

- **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English essayist: Peter Virgin *Sydney Smith* (1994)
- 21 My uncle Toby would never offer to answer this by any other kind of argument, than that of whistling half a dozen bars of Lillabullero.
- **Laurence Sterne** 1713–68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759–67)
- 22 He never let the sun go down on his wrath, though there were some colourful sunsets while it lasted.
- of W. G. Grace*
- **A. A. Thomson** 1894–1968 English writer: Alan Gibson *The Cricket Captains of England* (1979)

## Animals and Birds

see also **CATS**

The cow is of the bovine ilk; One end is moo, the other, milk. **Ogden Nash**

- 1 The lion and the calf shall lie down together but the calf won't get much sleep.
- **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: in *New Republic* 31 August 1974
- 2 *on the qualities a good pig should have: The shoulders of a parlour maid and the buttocks of a cook.*
- **Anonymous**: saying of unknown origin
- 3 *Puella Rigensis ridebat  
Quam tigris in tergo vehebat;  
Externa profecta,  
Interna revecta,  
Risusque cum tigre manebat.*  
There was a young lady of Riga  
Who went for a ride on a tiger;  
They returned from the ride  
With the lady inside,  
And a smile on the face of the tiger.
- **Anonymous**: R. L. Green (ed.) *A Century of Humorous Verse* (1959)
- 4 *during his time in the Lords the eighth Earl of Arran was concerned with measures for homosexual reform and the protection of*

*badgers, interests concisely summed up by a fellow peer:*

Teaching people not to bugger badgers and not to badger buggers.

- **Anonymous**: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 5 I think animal testing is a terrible idea; they get all nervous and give the wrong answers.
- **Anonymous**: modern saying
- 6 The Tiger, on the other hand, is kittenish and mild,  
He makes a pretty play fellow for any little child;  
And mothers of large families (who claim to common sense)  
Will find a Tiger well repay the trouble and expense.
- **Hilaire Belloc** 1870–1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'The Tiger' (1896)
- 7 Ornithology used to be an arcane hobby for embittered schoolmasters, dotty spinsters and lonely little boys, but now it is as normal a weekend



occupation as rug-making or wife-swapping.

- **Kyril Bonfiglioli** 1928–85 English writer: *Don't Point that Thing at Me* (1972)

8 To my mind, the only possible pet is a cow. Cows love you... They will listen to your problems and never ask a thing in return. They will be your friends for ever. And when you get tired of them, you can kill and eat them. Perfect.

- **Bill Bryson** 1951– American travel writer: *Neither Here Nor There* (1991)

9 A hen is only an egg's way of making other eggs.

- **Samuel Butler** 1835–1902 English novelist: *Life and Habit* (1877)

10 I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equal.

- **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: M. Gilbert *Never Despair* (1988); attributed

11 Animals generally return the love you lavish on them by a swift bite in passing—not unlike friends and wives.

- **Gerald Durrell** 1925–95 English zoologist and writer: attributed

12 *after an operation to remove a fishbone stuck in her throat:*

After all these years of fishing, the fish are having their revenge.

- **Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother** 1900–2002: in November 1982, attributed; Christopher Dobson (ed.) *Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother: Chronicle of a Remarkable Life* (2000)

13 A horse is dangerous at both ends and uncomfortable in the middle.

- **Ian Fleming** 1908–64 English writer: attributed

14 Honey bees are amazing creatures. I mean, think about it, do earwigs make chutney?

- **Eddie Izzard** 1962– British comedian: *Unrepeatable* (1994)

15 Arabs of means rode none but she-camels, since they...were patient and would endure to march long after they were worn out, indeed until they

tottered with exhaustion and fell in their tracks and died: whereas the coarser males grew angry, flung themselves down when tired, and from sheer rage would die there unnecessarily.

- **T. E. Lawrence** 1888–1935 English soldier and writer: *Seven Pillars of Wisdom* (1926)

16 No animal should ever jump up on the dining room furniture unless absolutely certain that he can hold his own in the conversation.

- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Social Studies* (1982)

17 Where are you going  
With your fetlocks blowing in the...  
wind

I want to shower you with sugar lumps  
And ride you over...fences

I want to polish your hooves every  
single day

And bring you to the horse...dentist.  
'My Lovely Horse' as sung by Fathers Ted and Dougal

- **Graham Linehan** 1968– and **Arthur Mathews** 1959– Irish writers: 'A Song for Europe' (1996), episode from *Father Ted* (Channel 4 TV, 1995–8)

18 Oh, a wondrous bird is the pelican!  
His beak holds more than his belican.  
He takes in his beak  
Food enough for a week.  
But I'll be darned if I know how the  
helican.

- **Dixon Lanier Merritt** 1879–1972 American editor: in *Nashville Banner* 22 April 1913

19 One disadvantage of being a hog is that at any moment some blundering fool may try to make a silk purse out of your wife's ear.

- **J. B. Morton** 1893–1975 British journalist: *By the Way* (1931)

20 My mother made me ride horses when I was young. I didn't like it. They're too difficult to steer.

- **Stirling Moss** 1929– British motor-racing driver: in *Observer* 1 July 2012.

21 God in His wisdom made the fly  
And then forgot to tell us why.

- **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: 'The Fly' (1942)



- 22 The turtle lives 'twixt plated decks  
Which practically conceal its sex.  
I think it clever of the turtle  
In such a fix to be so fertile.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist:  
'Autres Bêtes, Autres Mœurs' (1931)
- 23 The cow is of the bovine ilk;  
One end is moo, the other, milk.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist:  
'The Cow' (1931)
- 24 Four legs good, two legs bad.  
▪ **George Orwell** 1903-50 English novelist:  
*Animal Farm* (1945)
- 25 It costs me never a stab nor squirm  
To tread by chance upon a worm.  
'Aha, my little dear,' I say,  
'Your clan will pay me back some day.'  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic  
and humorist: 'Thoughts for a Sunshiny  
Morning' (1928)
- 26 I live in a city. I know sparrows from  
starlings. After that everything's a duck  
as far as I'm concerned.  
▪ **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy  
writer: *Monstrous Regiment* (2003)
- 27 There was one poor tiger that hadn't got  
a Christian.  
▪ **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly  
periodical: vol. 68 (1875)
- 28 I know two things about the horse  
And one of them is rather coarse.  
▪ **Naomi Royde-Smith** c.1875-1964 English  
novelist and dramatist: in *Weekend Book*  
(1928)
- 29 So, naturalists observe, a flea  
Hath smaller fleas that on him prey;  
And these have smaller fleas to bite  
'em,  
And so proceed *ad infinitum*.  
▪ **Jonathan Swift** 1667-1745 Irish poet and  
satirist: 'On Poetry' (1733)
- 30 If I were a cassowary  
On the plains of Timbuctoo,  
I would eat a missionary,  
Cassock, band, and hymn-book too.  
▪ **Samuel Wilberforce** 1805-73  
English prelate: impromptu verse,  
attributed

## Apology and Excuses

'Dogs must be carried on the escalators.' Took me forty minutes to find one.  
**Harry Worth**

- 1 CUSTOMER'S VOICE: In six days, do you  
hear me, in six days, God made the  
world...And you are not bloody well  
capable of making me a pair of trousers  
in three months!  
TAILOR'S VOICE: But my dear Sir, my  
dear Sir, look—at the world—and  
look—at my trousers.  
▪ **Samuel Beckett** 1906-89 Irish writer:  
*Endgame* (1957)
- 2 VERY SORRY CAN'T COME. LIE FOLLOWS  
BY POST.  
*message to the Prince of Wales, on being  
summoned to dine at the eleventh hour*  
▪ **Lord Charles Beresford** 1846-1919 British  
politician: Ralph Nevill *The World of Fashion*  
1837-1922 (1923)
- 3 Several excuses are always less  
convincing than one.  
▪ **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist:  
*Point Counter Point* (1928)
- 4 One of those telegrams of which  
M. de Guermantes had wittily fixed the  
formula: 'Cannot come, lie follows'.  
▪ **Marcel Proust** 1871-1922 French novelist:  
*Le Temps retrouvé* (Time Regained, 1926)
- 5 on being asked to apologize for calling a fellow  
MP a liar:  
Mr Speaker, I said the honourable  
member was a liar it is true and I am sorry  
for it. The honourable member may place  
the punctuation where he pleases.  
▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish  
dramatist and Whig politician: attributed



- 6 Excuses are like assholes, Taylor—everybody's got one.
  - **Oliver Stone** 1946– American film director: *Platoon* (1986 film), spoken by John McGinley as Sgt O'Neill
- 7 It is a good rule in life never to apologize. The right sort of people do not want apologies, and the wrong sort take a mean advantage of them.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Man Upstairs* (1914)
- 8 I nearly missed the show tonight. I got to the Underground and saw this sign: 'Dogs must be carried on the escalators.' Took me forty minutes to find one.
  - **Harry Worth** 1917–89 English comedian: Gyles Brandreth diary 3 August 1968

# Appearance

see also **FACES, HAIR**

It costs a lot of money to look this cheap. **Dolly Parton**

- 1 I'll tell you what, he doesn't suit daylight, does he?  
*a fan of Michael Parkinson overheard by the veteran presenter at a book signing in Wolverhampton*
  - **Anonymous**: in *Express* 2 October 2008
- 2 It often means vanity and sometimes drink.  
*explaining his mistrust of 'men with waxed moustaches'*
  - **Lord Baden-Powell** 1857–1941 English soldier and founder of the Boy Scout movement: *Scouting for Boys* (1908)
- 3 to her former lover Lord Alington as he dined with another woman in a restaurant: Don't you recognize me with my clothes on?
  - **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903–68 American actress: Bryony Lavery *Tallulah Bankhead* (1999)
- 4 I refuse to think of them as chin hairs. I think of them as stray eyebrows.
  - **Janette Barber** 1953– American comedian and producer: attributed
- 5 She is not so much dressed as richly upholstered.
  - **J. M. Barrie** 1860–1937 Scottish writer and dramatist: *The Will* (performed 1913)
- 6 I know I looked awful because my mother phoned and said I looked lovely.  
*after getting a makeover on television*
  - **Jo Brand** 1957– English comedian: in *Sunday Telegraph* 28 December 2003
- 7 After forty a woman has to choose between losing her figure or her face. My advice is to keep your face, and stay sitting down.
  - **Barbara Cartland** 1901–2000 English writer: Libby Purves 'Luncheon à la Cartland'; in *Times* 6 October 1993
- 8 It was a blonde. A blonde to make a bishop kick a hole in a stained glass window.
  - **Raymond Chandler** 1888–1959 American writer: *Farewell, My Lovely* (1940)
- 9 Glamour is on a life-support machine and not expected to live.
  - **Joan Collins** 1933– British actress: in *Independent* 24 April 1999
- 10 Edith Sitwell, in that great Risorgimento cape of hers, looks as though she were covering a teapot or a telephone.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: William Marchant *The Pleasure of his Company* (1975)



- 11 Sunburn is very becoming—but only when it is even—one must be careful not to look like a mixed grill.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *This Year of Grace* (1939)
- 12 The most delightful advantage of being bald—one can *hear* snowflakes.
  - **R. G. Daniels** 1916–93 British magistrate: in *Observer* 11 July 1976
- 13 A drag queen's like an oil painting: You gotta stand back from it to get the full effect.
  - **Harvey Fierstein** 1954– American dramatist and actor: *Torch Song Trilogy* (1979)
- 14 When she's narrow, she's narrow as an arrow  
And she's broad, where a broad, should be broad.
  - **Oscar Hammerstein II** 1895–1960 American songwriter: 'Honey Bun' (1949)
- 15 I got into moisturiser when I played football. If you're out in all weathers you have to take care of your face.
  - **Vinnie Jones** 1965– English footballer and actor: in *Independent* 28 December 2002
- 16 Sure, deck your lower limbs in pants; Yours are the limbs, my sweeting. You look divine as you advance—Have you seen yourself retreating?
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: 'What's the Use?' (1940)
- 17 In Los Angeles everyone has perfect teeth. It's crocodile land.
  - **Gwyneth Paltrow** 1972– American actress: in *Sunday Times* 3 February 2002
- 18 It costs a lot of money to look this cheap.
  - **Dolly Parton** 1946– American singer and songwriter: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 19 Prince Charles' ears are so big he could hang-glide over the Falklands.
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: from stand up routine, early 1980s
- 20 My body is a temple, and my temple needs redecorating.  
*explaining why she's having more plastic surgery at the age of 78*
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: in *Daily Mail* 26 January 2012
- 21 The musician's flabby, redundant figure sat up in bewildered semi-consciousness, like an ice-cream that has been taught to beg.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *The Chronicles of Clovis* (1911)
- 22 EDINA: What you don't realize is that inside, inside of me there is a thin person screaming to get out.  
MOTHER: Just the one, dear?
  - **Jennifer Saunders** 1958– English actress and writer: *Absolutely Fabulous* (BBC1 TV, 1993) 'Fat'
- 23 MRS CANDOUR: I'll swear her colour is natural—I have seen it come and go—  
LADY TEAZLE: I dare swear you have, ma'am; it goes of a night and comes again in the morning.
  - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The School for Scandal* (1777)
- 24 Women never look so well as when one comes in wet and dirty from hunting.
  - **R. S. Surtees** 1805–64 English novelist: *Mr. Sponge's Sporting Tour* (1853)
- 25 A man who can part the Red Sea but apparently not his own hairpiece.  
*of Charlton Heston*
  - **Dick Vosburgh** 1929–2007 and **Denis King**: *Beauty and the Beards* (2001)
- 26 It is only shallow people who do not judge by appearances.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)
- 27 The Right Hon. was a tubby little chap who looked as if he had been poured into his clothes and had forgotten to say 'When!'
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *Very Good, Jeeves* (1930)
- 28 I was so ugly when I was born, the doctor slapped my mother.
  - **Henny Youngman** 1906–98 American comedian: in *Times* 26 February 1998; obituary



# Architecture

The physician can bury his mistakes, but the architect can only advise his client to plant vines. **Frank Lloyd Wright**

- 1 In my experience, if you have to keep the lavatory door shut by extending your left leg, it's modern architecture.
  - **Nancy Banks-Smith** 1929– British journalist: in *Guardian* 20 February 1979
- 2 Sir Christopher Wren  
Said, 'I am going to dine with some men.  
If anybody calls  
Say I am designing St Paul's.'
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875–1956  
English writer: 'Sir Christopher Wren' (1905)
- 3 Ghastly good taste, or a depressing story  
of the rise and fall of English architecture.
  - **John Betjeman** 1906–84 English poet: title  
of book (1933)
- 4 The Church's Restoration  
In eighteen-eighty-three  
Has left for contemplation  
Not what there used to be.
  - **John Betjeman** 1906–84 English poet:  
'Hymn' (1931)
- 5 They said it was split-level and open-plan.  
But then again so is an NCP car park.
  - **Alan Carr** 1976– English comedian:  
attributed
- 6 Like a monstrous carbuncle on the face  
of a much-loved and elegant friend.
  - **Charles, Prince of Wales** 1948– heir  
apparent to the British throne: speech on  
the proposed extension to the National  
Gallery, London, 30 May 1984
- 7 My client—God—is in no hurry.  
*of the church of the Sagrada Familia in  
Barcelona (begun 1884)*
  - **Antonio Gaudí** 1853–1926 Spanish architect:  
attributed
- 8 Why is it only Tudor that we mock?
  - **Harry Hill** 1964– English comedian:  
attributed
- 9 A taste for the grandiose, like a taste  
for morphia, is, once it has been fully  
acquired, difficult to keep within limits.
  - **Osbert Lancaster** 1908–86 English writer  
and cartoonist: *Homes Sweet Homes* (1939)
- 10 A lot of nuns in a rugger scrum.  
*on the exterior of the Sydney Opera House*
  - **George Molnar** 1910–98 Hungarian-born  
Australian cartoonist: attributed
- 11 The green belt was a Labour idea and  
we are determined to build on it.
  - **John Prescott** 1938– British Labour  
politician: attributed by Paddy Ashdown,  
in *Independent* 22 September 1999; perhaps  
apocryphal
- 12 A singularly dreary street. What I would  
term Victorian Varicose.
  - **Peter Shaffer** 1926– English dramatist:  
*Lettice and Lovage* (rev. ed. 1989)
- 13 *on Brighton Pavilion:*  
As if St Paul's had come down and  
pupped.
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman  
and essayist: Peter Virgin *Sydney Smith*  
(1994)
- 14 Whatever may be said in favour of  
the Victorians, it is pretty generally  
admitted that few of them were to be  
trusted within reach of a trowel and a  
pile of bricks.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born  
writer: *Summer Moonshine* (1938)
- 15 The physician can bury his mistakes,  
but the architect can only advise his  
client to plant vines.
  - **Frank Lloyd Wright** 1867–1959 American  
architect: in *New York Times* 4 October  
1953



# The Aristocracy

see also **CLASS**

A duchess will be a duchess in a bath towel. It's all a matter of style.

**Carol Lawrence**

- 1 *the much-married Duke of Westminster had died the previous day:*

There was a bad fire next door; lots of smoke, but it turned out *not* to be the four bereaved Duchesses of Westminster committing suttee.

- **Chips Channon** 1897-1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary, 21 July 1953

- 2 The Stately Homes of England,  
How beautiful they stand,  
To prove the upper classes  
Have still the upper hand.

- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'The Stately Homes of England' (1938)

- 3 I can trace my ancestry back to a protoplasmal primordial atomic globule. Consequently, my family pride is something in-conceivable. I can't help it. I was born sneering.

- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *The Mikado* (1885)

- 4 Hearts just as pure and fair  
May beat in Belgrave Square  
As in the lowly air  
Of Seven Dials.

- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)

- 5 *replying to Harold Wilson's remark (on Home's leading the Conservatives to victory in the 1963 election) that 'the whole [democratic] process has ground to a halt with a fourteenth Earl':*

As far as the fourteenth earl is concerned, I suppose Mr Wilson, when you come to think of it, is the

fourteenth Mr Wilson.

- **Lord Home** 1903-95 British Conservative statesman: in *Daily Telegraph* 22 October 1963

- 6 I am an ancestor.

*reply when taunted on his lack of ancestry, having been made Duke of Abrantes, 1807*

- **Marshal Junot** 1771-1813 French general: attributed

- 7 A duchess will be a duchess in a bath towel. It's all a matter of style.

- **Carol Lawrence** 1932- American actress: attributed, in *TV Guide* 1969

- 8 An aristocracy in a republic is like a chicken whose head has been cut off: it may run about in a lively way, but in fact it is dead.

- **Nancy Mitford** 1904-73 English writer: *Noblesse Oblige* (1956) 'The English Aristocracy'

- 9 I'll purge, and leave sack, and live cleanly, as a nobleman should do.

- **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Henry IV, Part 1* (1597)

- 10 LORD ILLINGWORTH: A title is really rather a nuisance in these democratic days. As George Harford I had everything I wanted. Now I have merely everything that other people want.

- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)

- 11 Those comfortably padded lunatic asylums which are known, euphemistically, as the stately homes of England.

- **Virginia Woolf** 1882-1941 English novelist: *The Common Reader* (1925)



# The Armed Forces

see also **WAR**

Don't talk to me about naval tradition. It's nothing but rum, sodomy, and the lash. **Winston Churchill**

- 1 Join the army, meet interesting people and kill them.  
▪ **Anonymous**: graffito, 1980s
- 2 My home at my uncle's brought me acquainted with a circle of admirals. Of *Rears* and *Vices*, I saw enough. No, do not be suspecting me of a pun, I entreat.  
*Mary Crawford to a disapproving Edmund*  
▪ **Jane Austen** 1775-1817 English novelist: *Mansfield Park* (1814)
- 3 We joined the Navy to see the world, And what did we see? We saw the sea.  
▪ **Irving Berlin** 1888-1989 American songwriter: 'We Saw the Sea' in *Follow the Fleet* (1936)
- 4 Don't talk to me about naval tradition. It's nothing but rum, sodomy, and the lash.  
▪ **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: Peter Gretton *Former Naval Person* (1968)
- 5 I can always guarantee that the Irish Citizen Army will fight, but I cannot guarantee that it will be on time.  
▪ **James Connolly** 1868-1916 Irish labour leader and nationalist: *Diana Norman Terrible Beauty* (1987)
- 6 Have you had any word Of that bloke in the 'Third', Was it Southerby, Sedgwick or Sim? They had him thrown out of the club in Bombay For, apart from his mess bills exceeding his pay, He took to pig-sticking in quite the wrong way. I wonder what happened to him!  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'I Wonder What Happened to Him' (1945)
- 7 For a soldier I listed, to grow great in fame, And be shot at for sixpence a-day.  
▪ **Charles Dibdin** 1745-1814 English songwriter and dramatist: 'Charity' (1791)
- 8 to the Duke of Newcastle, who had complained that General Wolfe was a madman: Mad, is he? Then I hope he will bite some of my other generals.  
▪ **George II** 1683-1760 British king: Henry Beckles Willson *Life and Letters of James Wolfe* (1909)
- 9 Stick close to your desks and never go to sea, And you all may be Rulers of the Queen's Navee!  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *HMS Pinafore* (1878)
- 10 I'm very good at integral and differential calculus, I know the scientific names of beings animalculous; In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral, I am the very model of a modern Major-General.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *The Pirates of Penzance* (1879)
- 11 Fortunately, the army has had much practice at ignoring impossible instructions.  
▪ **Michael Green** 1927- English writer: *The Boy Who Shot Down an Airship* (1988)
- 12 I had examined myself pretty thoroughly and discovered that I was unfit for military service.  
▪ **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)
- 13 Ben Battle was a soldier bold, And used to war's alarms:



- But a cannon-ball took off his legs,  
So he laid down his arms!
- **Thomas Hood** 1799–1845 English poet and humorist: 'Faithless Nelly Gray' (1826)
- 14 For here I leave my second leg,  
And the Forty-second Foot!
- **Thomas Hood** 1799–1845 English poet and humorist: 'Faithless Nelly Gray' (1826)
- 15 My parents were very pleased that I was  
in the army. The fact that I hated it  
somehow pleased them even more.
- **Barry Humphries** 1934– Australian actor and writer: *More Please* (1992)
- 16 No man will be a sailor who has  
contrivance enough to get himself into  
a jail; for being in a ship is being in a jail,  
with the chance of being drowned...A  
man in a jail has more room, better  
food, and commonly better company.
- **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 16 March 1759
- 17 as young army musician, having composed a  
march for his regiment:  
GENERAL: Isn't it a little fast, Korngold?  
The men can't march to that.  
KORNGOLD: Ah yes, well, you see Sir,  
this was composed for the retreat!
- **Erich Korngold** 1897–1957 Austrian-born American composer: Brendan G. Carroll *The Last Prodigy* (1997)
- 18 of a general who sent his dispatches from  
'Headquarters in the Saddle':  
The trouble with Hooker is that  
he's got his headquarters where his  
hindquarters ought to be.
- **Abraham Lincoln** 1809–65 American statesman: P. M. Zall *Abe Lincoln Laughing* (1982)
- 19 [Haig is] brilliant—to the top of his boots.
- **David Lloyd George** 1863–1945 British Liberal statesman: Paul Johnson (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Political Anecdotes* (1986); attributed
- 20 Join a Highland regiment, me boy.  
The kilt is an unrivalled garment for  
fornication and diarrhoea.
- **John Masters** 1914–83 British writer: *Bugles and a Tiger* (1956)
- 21 If these gentlemen had their way, they  
would soon be asking me to defend the  
moon against a possible attack from  
Mars.  
of his senior military advisers, and their  
tendency to see threats which did not exist
- **Lord Salisbury** 1830–1903 British Conservative statesman: Robert Taylor *Lord Salisbury* (1975)
- 22 Napoleon's armies always used to  
march on their stomachs shouting:  
'Vive l'Intérieur!'
- **W. C. Sellar** 1898–1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898–1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)
- 23 Your friend the British soldier can stand  
up to anything except the British War  
Office.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *The Devil's Disciple* (1901)
- 24 When the military man approaches, the  
world locks up its spoons and packs off  
its womankind.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 25 As for being a General, well at the age  
of four with paper hats and wooden  
swords we're all Generals. Only some  
of us never grow out of it.
- **Peter Ustinov** 1921–2004 British actor, director, and writer: *Romanoff and Juliet* (1956)
- 26 The General was essentially a man of  
peace, except in his domestic life.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)



# Art

There are only two styles of portrait painting; the serious and the smirk.

**Charles Dickens**

- 1 A cow and calf are cut in half  
And placed in separate cases  
To call it art, however smart  
Casts doubt on art's whole basis.  
▪ **Anonymous**: unattributed; in *Spectator* 5 July 2003
- 2 *an old lady on Epstein's controversial Christ in Majesty*:  
I can never forgive Mr Epstein for his representation of Our Lord. So very un-English!  
▪ **Anonymous**: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdotalage* (1993)
- 3 The floozie in the jacuzzi.  
*popular description of the statue of James Joyce's character Anna Livia Plurabelle in Croppy Acre Park, Dublin*  
▪ **Anonymous**: comment, c.1988
- 4 Oh, I wish I could draw. I've always wanted to draw. I'd give my right arm to be able to draw. It must be very relaxing.  
▪ **Alan Ayckbourn** 1939– English dramatist: *Joking Apart* (1979)
- 5 Of course he [William Morris] was a wonderful all-round man, but the act of walking round him has always tired me.  
▪ **Max Beerbohm** 1872–1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: letter to S. N. Behrman c.1953; *Conversations with Max* (1960)
- 6 The joy of conceptual art is that the description is everything. Oh yes, there is real artistry at work here. It just isn't on the walls but in the catalogue descriptions.  
▪ **Benet Brandreth** 1975– English lawyer: *The Brandreth Papers* (2011)
- 7 The artistic temperament is a disease that afflicts amateurs.  
▪ **G. K. Chesterton** 1874–1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: *Heretics* (1905)
- 8 There is no more sombre enemy of good art than the pram in the hall.  
▪ **Cyril Connolly** 1903–74 English writer: *Enemies of Promise* (1938)
- 9 The thing what makes you know that Vernon Ward is a good painter is if you look at his ducks, you can see the eyes follow you around the room.  
▪ **Peter Cook** 1937–95 English comedian and actor: *Not Only But Also* (BBC2 TV, 1965) 'At the Art Gallery'
- 10 There are only two styles of portrait painting; the serious and the smirk.  
▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839)
- 11 If I were alive in Rubens's time, I'd be celebrated as a model. Kate Moss would be used as a paint brush.  
▪ **Dawn French** 1957– British comedy actress: in *Sunday Times* 13 August 2006
- 12 *to a lawyer who had asked him why he laid such stress on 'the painter's eye'*:  
The painter's eye is to him what the lawyer's tongue is to you.  
▪ **Thomas Gainsborough** 1727–88 English painter: William Hazlitt *Conversations of James Northcote* (1830)
- 13 *on attempting to paint two actors, David Garrick and Samuel Foote*:  
Rot them for a couple of rogues, they have everybody's faces but their own.  
▪ **Thomas Gainsborough** 1727–88 English painter: Allan Cunningham *The Lives of the Most Eminent Painters, Sculptors and Architects* (1829)
- 14 Then a sentimental passion of a vegetable fashion must excite your languid spleen,  
An attachment à la Plato for a bashful young potato, or a not too French French bean!  
Though the Philistines may jostle, you will rank as an apostle in the high aesthetic band,



- If you walk down Piccadilly with a poppy or a lily in your medieval hand.
- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Patience* (1881)
- 15 As my poor father used to say  
In 1863,  
Once people start on all this Art  
Goodbye, moralitee!
- **A. P. Herbert** 1890–1971 English writer and humorist: 'Lines for a Worthy Person' (1930)
- 16 It's amazing what you can do with an E  
in A-level art, twisted imagination and a chainsaw
- **Damien Hirst** 1965– English artist: in *Observer* 3 December 1995
- 17 I don't want justice, I want mercy.  
*on having his portrait painted*
- **William Morris 'Billy' Hughes** 1862–1952 British-born Australian statesman: John Thompson *On the Lips of Living Men* (1962)
- 18 There is, perhaps, no more dangerous man in the world than the man with the sensibilities of an artist but without creative talent. With luck such men make wonderful theatrical impresarios and interior decorators, or else they become mass murderers or critics.
- **Barry Humphries** 1934– Australian actor and writer: *More Please* (1992)
- 19 Mr Landseer whose only merit as a painter was the tireless accuracy with which he recorded the more revoltingly sentimental aspects of the woollier mammals.
- **Osbert Lancaster** 1908–86 English writer and cartoonist: *Homes Sweet Homes* (1939)
- 20 *when Carl André's Equivalent VIII consisting of 120 bricks was exhibited at the Tate Gallery in 1976:*  
I think the fellow needs to have his hod examined.
- **Osbert Lancaster** 1908–86: attributed
- 21 The adjective 'modern', when applied to any branch of art, means 'designed to evoke incomprehension, anger, boredom or laughter'.
- **Philip Larkin** 1922–85 English poet: *All What Jazz* (1985)
- 22 'What are you painting?' I said. 'Is it the Heavenly Child?' 'No' he said, 'It is a cow.'
- **Stephen Leacock** 1869–1944 Canadian humorist: *Nonsense Novels* (1911)
- 23 Dali is the only painter of LSD without LSD.
- **Timothy Leary** 1920–96 American psychologist: *Salvador Dali Dali by Dali* (1970)
- 24 If a scientist were to cut his ear off, no one would take it as evidence of a heightened sensibility.
- **Peter Medawar** 1915–87 English immunologist and writer: 'J. B. S.' (1968)
- 25 Monet began by imitating Manet, and Manet ended by imitating Monet.
- **George Moore** 1852–1933 Irish novelist: *Vale* (1914)
- 26 To me, the *Mona Lisa* just looks like she's chewing a toffee.
- **Justin Moorhouse** 1970– English comedian: attributed, 2007
- 27 *on a South African statue of the Voortrekkers:*  
Patriotism is the last refuge of the sculptor.
- **William Plomer** 1903–73 South African poet and novelist: Rupert Hart-Davis letter to George Lyttelton, 13 October 1956
- 28 My art belongs to Dada.
- **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: attributed
- 29 Epstein is a great sculptor. I wish he would wash, but I believe Michelangelo never did, so I suppose it is part of the tradition.
- **Ezra Pound** 1885–1972 American poet: Charles Norman *The Case of Ezra Pound* (1948)
- 30 I don't think rock'n'roll songwriters should worry about Art...As far as I'm concerned, Art is just short for Arthur.
- **Keith Richards** 1943– English rock musician: *Keith Richards: in His Own Words* (1994)
- 31 *on the probable reaction to the painting of the subjects of Turner's Girls Surprised while Bathing:*  
I should think devilish surprised to see



- what Turner has made of them.
- **Dante Gabriel Rossetti** 1828–82 English poet and painter: *O. Doughty A Victorian Romantic* (1960)
- 32 Treat a work of art like you would a prince: let it speak to you first.
- **Arthur Schopenhauer** 1788–1860 German philosopher: attributed
- 33 I don't know what art is, but I do know what it isn't. And it isn't someone walking around with a salmon over his shoulder, or embroidering the name of everyone they have slept with on the inside of a tent.
- **Brian Sewell** 1931– British art critic: in *Independent* 26 April 1999
- 34 The photographer is like the cod which produces a million eggs in order that one may reach maturity.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: introduction to the catalogue for Alvin Langdon Coburn's exhibition at the Royal Photographic Society, 1906
- 35 What sight is sadder than the sight of a lady we admire admiring a nauseating picture.
- **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865–1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931)
- 36 I always ask the sitter if they want truth or flattery. They always ask for truth, and I always give them flattery.
- **Ruskin Spear** 1911–90 British painter: attributed; in *Sunday Times* (Letters) 4 January 2004
- 37 Imagination without skill gives us modern art.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Artist Descending a Staircase* (1972)
- 38 I doubt that art needed Ruskin any more than a moving train needs one of its passengers to shove it.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: in *Times Literary Supplement* 3 June 1977
- 39 *the ingredients for a successful exhibition:* You've got to have two out of death, sex and jewels.
- **Roy Strong** 1935– English art historian: in *Sunday Times* 23 January 1994
- 40 There is only one position for an artist anywhere: and that is, upright.
- **Dylan Thomas** 1914–53 Welsh poet: *Quite Early One Morning* (1954)
- 41 Painters are so bitchy. Magritte told Miró that Kandinsky had feet of Klee.
- **Dick Vosburgh** 1929–2007 American writer: told to Ned Sherrin
- 42 Mrs Ballinger is one of the ladies who pursue Culture in bands, as though it were dangerous to meet it alone.
- **Edith Wharton** 1862–1937 American novelist: *Xingu and Other Stories* (1916)
- 43 *advice on how to become an artist:* All you need to know is which end of the brush to put in your mouth.
- **James McNeill Whistler** 1834–1903 American-born painter: quoted by Walter Sickert, lecture, Thanet School of Art, 23 November 1934
- 44 Yes—one does like to make one's mummy just as nice as possible!
- on his portrait of his mother*
- **James McNeill Whistler** 1834–1903 American-born painter: E. R. and J. Pennell *The Life of James McNeill Whistler* (1908)
- 45 *in his case against Ruskin, replying to the question: 'For two days' labour, you ask two hundred guineas?':* No, I ask it for the knowledge of a lifetime.
- **James McNeill Whistler** 1834–1903 American-born painter: D. C. Seitz *Whistler Stories* (1913)
- 46 *on the 'Old Masters':* They are all old but they are not all masters.
- **James McNeill Whistler** 1834–1903 American-born painter: quoted by Walter Sickert, lecture, Thanet School of Art, 23 November 1934
- 47 All that I desire to point out is the general principle that Life imitates Art far more than Art imitates Life.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Intentions* (1891) 'The Decay of Lying'



# Audiences

The play was a great success, but the audience was a total failure. **Oscar Wilde**

- 1 The best audience is intelligent, well educated, and a little drunk.
  - **Alben W. Barkley** 1877-1956 American politician: attributed; Jonathon Green *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)
- 2 They eat their young.  
*on Glasgow music hall audiences*
  - **Harry Chapman**: attributed
- 3 They were really tough—they used to tie their tomatoes on the end of a yo-yo, so they could hit you twice.
  - **Bob Hope** 1903-2003 American comedian: attributed
- 4 There was laughter in the back of the theatre, leading to the belief that someone was telling jokes back there.
  - **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 5 There still remains, to mortify a wit, The many-headed monster of the pit.
  - **Alexander Pope** 1688-1744 English poet: *Imitations of Horace* (1737)
- 6 I know two kinds of audiences only—one coughing, and one not coughing.
  - **Artur Schnabel** 1882-1951 Austrian-born pianist: *My Life and Music* (1961)
- 7 The play was a great success, but the audience was a total failure.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: after the first performance of *Lady Windermere's Fan*; Peter Hay *Theatrical Anecdotes* (1987)

# Australia

By God what a site! By man what a mess!

**Clough Williams-Ellis**

- 1 Australia is a huge rest home, where no unwelcome news is ever wafted on to the pages of the worst newspapers in the world.
  - **Germaine Greer** 1939- Australian feminist: in *Observer* 1 August 1982
- 2 The only people keeping the spirit of irony alive in Australia are taxi drivers and homosexuals.
  - **Barry Humphries** 1934- Australian entertainer and writer: in *Australian Woman's Weekly* February 1983
- 3 In a way Australia is like Catholicism. The company is sometimes questionable and the landscape is grotesque. But you always come back.
  - **Thomas Keneally** 1935- Australian novelist: in *Woman's Day* 4 July 1983
- 4 When New Zealanders emigrate to Australia, it raises the average IQ of both countries.
  - **Robert Muldoon** 1921-92 New Zealand statesman: attributed
- 5 In Australia,  
*Inter alia,*  
Mediocrities  
Think they're Socrates.
  - **Peter Porter** 1929- Australian poet: unpublished cleriheiw; Stephen Murray-Smith (ed.) *The Dictionary of Australian Quotations* (1984)



6 Cusins is a very nice fellow, certainly: nobody would ever guess that he was born in Australia.

- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Major Barbara* (1907)

7 By God what a site! By man what a mess!  
of Sydney

- **Clough Williams-Ellis** 1883-1978 British architect: *Architect Errant* (1971)

# Autobiography

see also **BIOGRAPHY**

To write one's memoirs is to speak ill of everybody except oneself.

**Henri Philippe Pétain**

1 Reformers are always finally neglected, while the memoirs of the frivolous will always eagerly be read.

- **Chips Channon** 1897-1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary, 7 July 1936

2 An autobiography is an obituary in serial form with the last instalment missing.

- **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: *The Naked Civil Servant* (1968)

3 *Giles Gordon's father had criticized the length of his son's entry in Who's Who:*

I've just measured it, with a ruler; it's exactly the same length as my male organ, which I've also just measured.

- **Giles Gordon** 1940- Scottish literary agent: *Aren't We Due a Royalty Statement?* (1993)

4 Autobiography is now as common as adultery and hardly less reprehensible.

- **John Grigg** 1924- British writer and journalist: in *Sunday Times* 28 February 1962

5 Autobiography—that unrivalled vehicle for telling the truth about other people.

- **Philip Guedalla** 1889-1944 British historian and biographer: *C. David Stelling Yea and Nay* (1923)

6 Next to the writer of real estate advertisements, the autobiographer is the most suspect of prose artists.

- **Donal Henahan** 1921-2012 American music critic: in *New York Times* 1977

7 Like all good memoirs it has not been emasculated by considerations of good taste.

- **Peter Medawar** 1915-87 English immunologist and writer: review of James D. Watson *The Double Helix* (1968)

8 Every autobiography...becomes an absorbing work of fiction, with something of the charm of a cryptogram.

- **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)

9 To write one's memoirs is to speak ill of everybody except oneself.

- **Henri Philippe Pétain** 1856-1951 French soldier and statesman: in *Observer* 26 May 1946

10 Of all forms of fiction autobiography is the most gratuitous.

- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Lord Malquist and Mr Moon* (1966)

11 Only when one has lost all curiosity about the future has one reached the age to write an autobiography.

- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *A Little Learning* (1964)

12 I shall not say why and how I became, at the age of fifteen, the mistress of the Earl of Craven.

- **Harriette Wilson** 1789-1846 English courtesan: opening words of *Memoirs* (1825)



# Awards and Honours

Awards are like piles. Sooner or later, every bum gets one. **Maureen Lipman**

- 1 You should always accept because of the pain it brings to your enemies.
  - **Maurice Bowra** 1898–1971 English scholar and literary critic: quoted by Peter Hennessy in evidence to the House of Commons Select Committee on Public Administration, 11 March 2004
- 2 My career must be slipping. This is the first time I've been available to pick up an award.
  - **Michael Caine** 1933– English film actor: at the Golden Globe awards, Beverly Hills, California, 24 January 1999
- 3 Oscar night at my house is called Passover.
  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: in *Daily Telegraph* 29 May 2003 (online edition)
- 4 I feel very humble. But I think I have the strength of character to fight it.  
*on receiving a Congressional Gold Medal from President Kennedy*
  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: attributed; in *Times* 29 July 2003
- 5 Awards are like piles. Sooner or later, every bum gets one.
  - **Maureen Lipman** 1946– British actress: in *Independent* 31 July 1999
- 6 I can't see the sense in it really. It makes me a Commander of the British Empire. They might as well make me a Commander of Milton Keynes—at least that exists.  
*on receiving an honorary CBE in 1992*
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: attributed; in *Daily Telegraph* 28 February 2002
- 7 A very useful institution. It fosters a wholesome taste for bright colours, and gives old men who have good legs an excuse for showing them.  
*of the Order of the Garter, which had been awarded to both his father and grandfather as well as the early Cecils*
  - **Lord Salisbury** 1830–1903 British Conservative statesman: in *Houghton Papers*; Andrew Roberts *Salisbury: Victorian Titan* (1999)
- 8 In the end I accepted the honour, because during dinner Venables told me, that, if I became Poet Laureate, I should always when I dined out be offered the liver-wing of a fowl.  
*on being made Poet Laureate in 1850*
  - **Alfred, Lord Tennyson** 1809–92 English poet: in *Alfred Lord Tennyson: A Memoir by his Son* (1897) vol. 1
- 9 *congratulated on being awarded a baronetcy:* Thanks—but more importantly than that, I have just been elected a member of Sunningdale Golf Club.
  - **Denis Thatcher** 1915–2003 English businessman: attributed; in *Times* 27 June 2003
- 10 The cross of the Legion of Honour has been conferred upon me. However, few escape that distinction.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *A Tramp Abroad* (1880)
- 11 I had another convulsion of pleasure when Yale made me a Doctor of Literature, because I was not competent to doctor anybody's literature but my own.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Autobiography* (1924)
- 12 Medals, they're like haemorrhoids. Sooner or later every asshole gets one.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906–2002 American screenwriter and director: Ed Sikov *On Sunset Boulevard: the life and times of Billy Wilder* (1998)
- 13 An OBE is what you get if you clean the toilets well at King's Cross Station.  
*explaining why he turned down an OBE in the Queen's 80th birthday honours' list*
  - **Michael Winner** 1935–2013 English film director and restaurant critic: in *Independent* 29 May 2006



# Baseball

see also **SPORTS**

If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's going to stop 'em.

**Yogi Berra**

- 1 One of the chief duties of the fan is to engage in arguments with the man behind him. This department of the game has been allowed to run down fearfully.
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889-1945 American humorist: *Ralph S. Graben The Baseball Reader* (1951)
- 2 Think! How the hell are you gonna think and hit at the same time?
  - **Yogi Berra** 1925- American baseball player: *Nice Guys Finish Seventh* (1976)
- 3 If people don't want to come out to the ball park, nobody's going to stop 'em.
  - **Yogi Berra** 1925- American baseball player: attributed
- 4 This game of baseball consists of tapping a ball with a piece of wood, then running like a lunatic.
  - **Henri Jean Dutiel**: *The Great American Parade* (1953)
- 5 Baseball is very big with my people. It figures. It's the only way we can get to shake a bat at a white man without starting a riot.
  - **Dick Gregory** 1932- American comedian and civil rights activist: D. H. Nathan (ed.) *Baseball Quotations* (1991)
- 6 after leaving his sick-bed in October 1935 to attend the World Baseball Series in Detroit,
  - and betting on the losers:  
I should of stood in bed.
  - **Joe Jacobs** 1896-1940 American boxing manager: *John Lardner Strong Cigars* (1951)
- 7 Take me out to the ball game,  
Take me out with the crowd.  
Buy me some peanuts and  
cracker-jack—  
I don't care if I never get back.
  - **Jack Norworth** 1879-1959 American songwriter: 'Take Me Out to the Ball Game' (1908 song)
- 8 Don't look back. Something may be gaining on you.
  - a baseball pitcher's advice
  - **Leroy ("Satchel") Paige** 1906-82 American baseball player: in *Collier's* 13 June 1953
- 9 I don't think I can be expected to take seriously any game which takes less than three days to reach its conclusion.
  - a cricket enthusiast on baseball
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: in *Guardian* 24 December 1984
- 10 Baseball, it is said, is only a game. True. And the Grand Canyon is only a hole in Arizona. Not all holes, or games, are created equal.
  - **George F. Will** 1941- American columnist: *Men At Work: The Craft of Baseball* (1990)

# Beauty

I always say beauty is only sin deep. **Saki**

- 1 It has been said that a pretty face is a passport. But it's not, it's a visa and it runs out fast.
  - **Julie Burchill** 1960- English journalist and writer: *Sex and Sensibility* (1992)
- 2 Every woman who is not absolutely ugly thinks herself handsome.
  - **Lord Chesterfield** 1694-1773 English writer and politician: *Letters to His Son* (1774)



- 3 I have a left shoulder-blade that is a miracle of loveliness. People come miles to see it. My right elbow has a fascination that few can resist.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *The Mikado* (1885)
- 4 Manicures: Which are basically just holding hands with a stranger for forty-five minutes whilst listening to Enya.
  - **Miranda Hart** 1972– English comedian: *Is It Just Me?* (2012)
- 5 I'm tired of all this nonsense about beauty being only skin-deep. That's deep enough. What do you want—an adorable pancreas?
  - **Jean Kerr** 1923–2003 American writer: *The Snake has all the Lines* (1958)
- 6 A beautiful young lady is an act of nature. A beautiful old lady is a work of art.
  - **Louis Nizer** 1902–94 British-born American lawyer: remark, in *New York Times* 11 November 1994
- 7 I always say beauty is only sin deep.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald* (1904)
- 8 If beauty is truth, why don't women go to the library to have their hair done?
  - **Lily Tomlin** 1939– American comedienne and actress: Sally Feldman (ed.) *Woman's Hour Book of Humour* (1993)
- 9 It is better to be beautiful than to be good. But...it is better to be good than to be ugly.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)

## Betting and Gambling

Never give a sucker an even break. **W. C. Fields**

- 1 It's one thing to ask your bank manager for an overdraft to buy 500 begonias for the borders in Haslemere, but quite another to seek financial succour to avail oneself of some of the 5–2 they're offering on Isle de Bourbon for the St Leger.
  - **Jeffrey Bernard** 1932–97 English journalist: in *Guardian* 23 December 1978
- 2 People go to casinos for the same reason they go on blind dates: hoping to hit the jackpot. But mostly, you just wind up broke and alone in a bar.
  - **Candace Bushnell** 1958–, **Darren Star** 1961–, and **Patrick King** 1954– American writers: *Sex and the City* (HBO TV, 2002), Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie
- 3 Rowe's Rule: the odds are five to six that the light at the end of the tunnel is the headlight of an oncoming train.
  - **Paul Dickson** 1939– American writer: in *Washingtonian* November 1978
- 4 Never give a sucker an even break.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: title of a W. C. Fields film (1941); the catch-phrase (Fields's own) is said to have originated in the musical comedy *Poppy* (1923)
- 5 GAMBLER: Say, is this a game of chance? CUTHBERT J. TWILLIE: Not the way I play it.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: *My Little Chickadee* (1940 film), spoken by W. C. Fields
- 6 Horse sense is a good judgement which keeps horses from betting on people.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: attributed; Nigel Rees Cassell *Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 7 Two-up is Australia's very own way of parting a fool and his money.
  - **Germaine Greer** 1939– Australian feminist: in *Observer* 1 August 1982



- 8 *asked how his bridge-partner should have played a hand:*  
Under an assumed name.
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Scott Meredith *George S. Kaufman and the Algonquin Round Table* (1974)
- 9 I long ago come to the conclusion that all life is 6 to 5 against.
- **Damon Runyon** 1884-1946 American writer: in *Collier's* 8 September 1934, 'A Nice Price'
- 10 It may be that the race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong—but that's the way to bet.
- **Damon Runyon** 1884-1946 American writer: attributed
- 11 There are two times in a man's life when he should not speculate: when he can't afford it and when he can.
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Following the Equator* (1897)

# The Bible

A wonderful book, but there are some very queer things in it. **George V**

- 1 An apology for the Devil: It must be remembered that we have only heard one side of the case. God has written all the books.
- **Samuel Butler** 1835-1902 English novelist: *Notebooks* (1912)
- 2 The Bible...is a lesson in how not to write for the movies.
- **Raymond Chandler** 1888-1959 American writer: letter to Edgar Carter, 28 March 1947
- 3 A wonderful book, but there are some very queer things in it.
- **George V** 1865-1936 British king: K. Rose *King George V* (1983)
- 4 The number one book of the ages was written by a committee, and it was called the Bible.
- **Louis B. Mayer** 1885-1957 Russian-born American film executive: attributed
- 5 The Ten Commandments should be treated like an examination. Only six need to be attempted.
- **Bertrand Russell** 1872-1970 British philosopher and mathematician: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 6 LORD ILLINGWORTH: The Book of Life begins with a man and a woman in a garden.  
MRS ALLONBY: It ends with Revelations.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 7 I read the book of Job last night. I don't think God comes well out of it.
- **Virginia Woolf** 1882-1941 English novelist: letter to Lady Robert Cecil, 12 November 1922
- 8 It's just called 'The Bible' now. We dropped the word 'Holy' to give it a more mass-market appeal.  
*a publisher's view*
- **Judith Young**: attributed, 1989



# Biography

see also **AUTOBIOGRAPHY**

Biography is the mesh through which our real life escapes. **Tom Stoppard**

- 1 Biography should be written by an acute enemy.
  - **Arthur James Balfour** 1848-1930 British Conservative statesman: in *Observer* 30 January 1927
- 2 The Art of Biography  
Is different from Geography.  
Geography is about Maps,  
But Biography is about Chaps.
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956 English writer: *Biography for Beginners* (1905) introduction
- 3 Biography, like big game hunting, is one of the recognized forms of sport, and it is as unfair as only sport can be.
  - **Philip Guedalla** 1889-1944 British historian and biographer: *Supers and Supermen* (1920)
- 4 I never read the life of any important person without discovering that he knew more and could do more than I could ever hope to know or to do in half a dozen lifetimes.
  - **J. B. Priestley** 1894-1984 English writer: *Apes and Angels* (1928)
- 5 I have done my best to die before this book is published. It now seems possible that I may not succeed...I shall try to keep my sense of humour and the perspective of eternity.
  - letter to his biographer, *Humphrey Carpenter*, shortly before publication
  - **Robert Runcie** 1921-2000 English archbishop: *H. Carpenter Robert Runcie* (1996)
- 6 Biography is the mesh through which our real life escapes.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *The Invention of Love* (1997)
- 7 Discretion is not the better part of biography.
  - **Lytton Strachey** 1880-1932 English biographer: *Michael Holroyd Lytton Strachey* (1967)
- 8 Then there is my noble and biographical friend who has added a new terror to death.
  - on *Lord Campbell's Lives of the Lord Chancellors being written without the consent of heirs or executors*
  - **Charles Wetherell** 1770-1846 English lawyer and politician: also attributed to *Lord Lyndhurst* (1772-1863)
- 9 Every great man nowadays has his disciples, and it is always Judas who writes the biography.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Intentions* (1891) 'The Critic as Artist'

**Birds** see **ANIMALS AND BIRDS**



# Birth and Pregnancy

I was caesarean born, but not so you'd notice. It's just that when I leave a house I go out through the window. **Steven Wright**

- 1 I was very relieved when the child was born at the Chelsea and Westminster hospital. I had thought he would be born in a manger.  
*on the birth of Leo, son of Tony Blair*
  - **Leo Abse** 1917–2008 British Labour politician: in *Observer* 28 May 2000 'They said what...?'
- 2 If men had to have babies, they would only ever have one each.  
*while in late pregnancy*
  - **Diana, Princess of Wales** 1961–97 British princess: in *Observer* 29 July 1984
- 3 Having a baby is like getting a tattoo on your face. You really need to be certain it's what you want before you commit.
  - **Elizabeth Gilbert** 1969– American writer: quoting her sister; *Eat, Pray, Love* (2006)
- 4 If men could get pregnant, abortion would be a sacrament.
  - **Florynce Kennedy** 1916–2001 American lawyer: 'The Verbal Karate of Florynce R. Kennedy' (1973)
- 5 I didn't 'fall' pregnant! I was bloody well pushed.
  - **Kathy Lette** 1958– Australian writer: *Foetal Attraction* (1993)
- 6 Having a baby is like trying to push a grand piano through a transom.
  - **Alice Roosevelt Longworth** 1884–1980 American daughter of Theodore Roosevelt: *Michael Teague Mrs L* (1981)
- 7 When I was in labour the nurses would look at me and say, 'Do you still think blondes have more fun?'
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 8 I fear the seventh granddaughter and fourteenth grandchild becomes a very uninteresting thing—for it seems to me to go on like the rabbits in Windsor Park!
  - **Victoria** 1819–1901 British queen: letter to the Crown Princess of Prussia, 10 July 1868
- 9 Impotence and sodomy are socially O.K. but birth control is flagrantly middle-class.
  - **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: 'An Open Letter' in Nancy Mitford (ed.) *Noblesse Oblige* (1956)
- 10 I was caesarean born, but not so you'd notice. It's just that when I leave a house I go out through the window.
  - **Steven Wright** 1955– American comedian: attributed

# The Body

see also **APPEARANCE, DESCRIPTION, FACES**

Imprisoned in every fat man a thin one is wildly signalling to be let out.  
**Cyril Connolly**

- 1 The verandah over the toy shop.  
*Australian term for a beer belly.*
  - **Anonymous:** Richard Eyre *National Service: Diary of a Decade* (2003)
- 2 Be true to your teeth or they'll be false to you.
  - **Anonymous:** American proverb
- 3 If I had the use of my body I would throw it out of the window.
  - **Samuel Beckett** 1906–89 Irish writer: *Malone Dies* (1988)
- 4 All legs leave something to be desired, do they not? That is part of their function



and all of their charm.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: attributed
- 5 I'm the female equivalent of a counterfeit \$20 bill. Half of what you see is a pretty good reproduction, the rest is a fraud.
  - **Cher** 1946– American singer and actress: Doug McClelland *Star Speak: Hollywood on Everything* (1987)
- 6 Imprisoned in every fat man a thin one is wildly signalling to be let out.
  - **Cyril Connolly** 1903–74 English writer: *The Unquiet Grave* (1944)
- 7 He's so small, he's the only man I know who has turn-ups on his underpants.
  - **Jerry Dennis** American writer: attributed
- 8 He had but one eye, and the popular prejudice runs in favour of two.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839)
- 9 If you could see my legs when I take my boots off, you'd form some idea of what unrequited affection is.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Dombey and Son* (1848)
- 10 What is man, when you come to think upon him, but a minutely set, ingenious machine for turning, with infinite artfulness, the red wine of Shiraz into urine?
  - **Isak Dinesen** 1885–1962 Danish novelist and short-story writer: *Seven Gothic Tales* (1934) 'The Dreamers'
- 11 to William Cecil, who suffered from gout: My lord, we make use of you, not for your bad legs, but for your good head.
  - **Elizabeth I** 1533–1603 English queen: F. Chamberlin *Sayings of Queen Elizabeth* (1923)
- 12 Oh, how I regret not having worn a bikini for the entire year I was twenty-six.
  - **Nora Ephron** 1941–2012 American screenwriter: *I Feel Bad About My Neck: And Other Thoughts On Being a Woman* (2008)
- 13 Being a woman is worse than being a farmer—There is so much harvesting and crop spraying to be done: legs to be waxed, underarms shaved, eyebrows plucked, feet pumiced, skin exfoliated and moisturized, spots cleansed, roots dyed, eyelashes tinted, nails filed, cellulite massaged, stomach muscles exercised...Is it any wonder girls have no confidence?
  - **Helen Fielding** 1958– British writer: *Bridget Jones's Diary* (1996)
- 14 My body, on the move, resembles in sight and sound nothing so much as a bin-liner full of yoghurt.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: *The Hippopotamus* (1995)
- 15 There is something between us.
  - **Donald Hall** 1928– American poet: 'Breasts' (a one-line poem, 1971)
- 16 Mr Richards was a tall man with what must have been a magnificent build before his stomach went in for a career of its own.
  - **Margaret Halsey** 1910–97 American writer: *Some of My Best Friends are Soldiers* (1944)
- 17 [Alfred Hitchcock] thought of himself as looking like Cary Grant. That's tough, to think of yourself one way and look another.
  - **Tippi Hedren** 1930– American actress: interview in California, 1982; P. F. Boller and R. L. Davis *Hollywood Anecdotes* (1988)
- 18 What they call 'heart' lies much lower than the fourth waistcoat button.
  - **Georg Christoph Lichtenberg** 1742–99 German scientist and drama critic: notebook (1776–79) in *Aphorisms* (1990)
- 19 seaside postcard showing a very fat man whose stomach obscures the small boy at his feet:  
Can't see my little Willy.
  - **Donald McGill** 1875–1962 English cartoonist: caption, c.1910; in 'Quote Unquote Newsletter', July 1994
- 20 of Muhammad Ali:  
I'd like to borrow his body for just 48 hours. There are three guys I'd like to beat up and four women I'd like to make love to.
  - **Jim Murray**: attributed



- 21 A bit of talcum  
Is always walcum.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'The Baby' (1931)
- 22 If I see something sagging, dragging  
or bagging, I'm going to have the stuff  
tucked or plucked.  
▪ **Dolly Parton** 1946- American singer and  
songwriter: interview with Larry King,  
12 July 2003
- 23 Cuddling up to a piece of gristle.  
*on Madonna*  
▪ **Guy Ritchie** 1968- English film director:  
attributed, in *News of the World* 19 October  
2008
- 24 My body is so bad, a Peeping Tom  
looked in my window and pulled down  
the shade.  
▪ **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American  
comedienne: attributed
- 25 It's hard to be naked and not be  
upstaged by your nipples.  
▪ **Susan Sarandon** 1946- American actress:  
in *Independent* 28 December 2002
- 26 Thou seest I have more flesh than  
another man, and therefore more  
frailty.  
▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English  
dramatist: *Henry IV, Part 1* (1597)
- 27 The body of a young woman is God's  
greatest achievement...Of course, He  
could have built it to last longer but you  
can't have everything.  
▪ **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *The  
Gingerbread Lady* (1970)
- 28 Bah! the thing is not a nose at all, but a  
bit of primordial chaos clapped on to  
my face.  
▪ **H. G. Wells** 1866-1946 English novelist:  
*Select Conversations with an Uncle* (1895)  
'The Man with a Nose'
- 29 Let's forget the six feet and talk about  
the seven inches.  
▪ **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress:  
G. Eells and S. Musgrove *Mae West* (1989)
- 30 Look how she moves! It's like Jell-O on  
springs!  
*watching Marilyn Monroe*  
▪ **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 and **I. A. L.  
Diamond** 1915-88 American screenwriters:  
*Some Like It Hot* (1959 film), spoken by Jack  
Lemmon as Jerry
- 31 A lot of people are very critical of  
modern reproductive processes without  
understanding all the ins and outs.  
▪ **Robert Winston** 1940- English physician  
and broadcaster: attributed in *Private Eye*,  
6 February 2004
- 32 The lunches of fifty-seven years had  
caused his chest to slip down into the  
mezzanine floor.  
▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born  
writer: *The Heart of a Goof* (1926)
- 33 You're a man, and that's a bonus  
'Cause when you're swinging your  
cojones  
You'll show 'em what testosterone is.  
▪ **David Yazbek** 1961- American writer and  
musician: 'Man' in *The Full Monty* (musical,  
2000)

## Books

see also **DICTIONARIES, LIBRARIES, LITERATURE, READING, PUBLISHING**

Book—what they make a movie out of for television. **Leonard Louis Levinson**

- 1 If you don't find it in the Index, look very  
carefully through the entire catalogue.  
▪ **Anonymous**: in *Consumer's Guide*, Sears,  
Roebuck and Co. (1897); Donald E. Knuth  
*Sorting and Searching* (1973)
- 2 Books and harlots have their quarrels in  
public.  
▪ **Walter Benjamin** 1892-1940 German  
philosopher and critic: *One Way Street*  
(1928)



- 3 My desire is...that mine adversary had written a book.  
▪ **Bible:** *Job*
- 4 The covers of this book are too far apart.  
▪ **Ambrose Bierce** 1842-c.1914 American writer: *C. H. Grattan Bitter Bierce* (1929)
- 5 on Fanny Hill:  
The two most fascinating subjects in the universe are sex and the eighteenth century.  
▪ **Brigid Brophy** 1929-95 Irish novelist: in *New Statesman* 15 November 1963
- 6 Whenever I am sent a new book on the lively arts, the first thing I do is look for myself in the index.  
▪ **Julie Burchill** 1960- English journalist and writer: *The Spectator* 16 January 1992
- 7 on hearing that a fellow guest was 'writing a book':  
Neither am I.  
▪ **Peter Cook** 1937-95 English satirist and actor: attributed (disclaimed as original by Cook); Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 8 **PETER BOGDANOVICH:** I'm giving John Wayne a book as a birthday present.  
**JOHN FORD:** He's got a book.  
▪ **John Ford** 1895-1973 American film director: *Peter Bogdanovich Who the Hell's in It?* (2004)
- 9 When the [Supreme] Court moved to Washington in 1800, it was provided with no books, which probably accounts for the high quality of early opinions.  
▪ **Robert H. Jackson** 1892-1954 American lawyer: *The Supreme Court in the American System of Government* (1955)
- 10 One man is as good as another until he has written a book.  
▪ **Benjamin Jowett** 1817-93 English classicist: Evelyn Abbott and Lewis Campbell (eds.) *Life and Letters of Benjamin Jowett* (1897)
- 11 Synopsis of Previous Chapters: There are no Previous Chapters.  
▪ **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: *Nonsense Novels* (1911) 'Gertrude the Governess'
- 12 Book—what they make a movie out of for television.  
▪ **Leonard Louis Levinson** 1904-74: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 13 I opened it at page 96—the secret page on which I write my name to catch out borrowers and book-sharks.  
▪ **Flann O'Brien** 1911-66 Irish novelist and journalist: *Myles Away from Dublin* (1990)
- 14 This is not a novel to be tossed aside lightly. It should be thrown with great force.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)
- 15 'I thought you didn't like books,' said Agnes. 'I don't,' said Granny, turning a page. 'They can look you right in the face and still lie.'  
▪ **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Maskerade* (1995)
- 16 on proofs:  
They're a sort of trial run for the books so's we can check that all the spelling mistakes have been left in.  
▪ **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Maskerade* (1995)
- 17 I hate books; they only teach us to talk about things we know nothing about.  
▪ **Jean-Jacques Rousseau** 1712-78 French philosopher and novelist: *Émile* (1762)
- 18 the Editors' acknowledgements:  
Their thanks are also due to their wife for not preparing the index wrong. There is no index.  
▪ **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)
- 19 An index is a great leveller.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: G. N. Knight *Indexing* (1979); attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 20 A best-seller is the gilded tomb of a mediocre talent.  
▪ **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931) 'Art and Letters'
- 21 No furniture so charming as books.  
▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)



- 22 Digressions, incontestably, are the sunshine;—they are the life, the soul of reading;—take them out of this book for instance,—you might as well take the book along with them.
- **Laurence Sterne** 1713–68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759–67)
- 23 title of her bestseller on punctuation taken from a badly punctuated wildlife manual: *Eats, shoots and leaves*.
- **Lynne Truss** 1955– English writer: book title, 2003
- 24 A thick, old-fashioned heavy book with a clasp is the finest thing in the world to throw at a noisy cat.
- **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: Alex Ayres *The Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain* (1987)
- 25 I haven't been so happy since the day Reader's Digest lost my address.
- **Dick Vosburgh** 1929–2007 American writer: *A Saint She Ain't* (1999)
- 26 Should not the Society of Indexers be known as Indexers, Society of, The?
- **Keith Waterhouse** 1929–2009 English writer: *Bookends* (1990)
- 27 In every first novel the hero is the author as Christ or Faust.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: attributed
- 28 There is no such thing as a moral or an immoral book. Books are well written, or badly written.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)
- 29 The good ended happily, and the bad unhappily. That is what fiction means.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 30 The scratching of pimples on the body of the bootboy at Claridges.
- **Virginia Woolf** 1882–1941 English novelist: letter to Lytton Strachey, 24 April 1922

## Bores

Even the grave yawns for him. **Herbert Beerbohm Tree**

- 1 A person who talks when you wish him to listen.
- **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: definition of a bore; *Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 2 Everyone is a bore to someone. That is unimportant. The thing to avoid is being a bore to oneself.
- **Gerald Brenan** 1894–1987 British travel writer: *Thoughts in a Dry Season* (1978)
- 3 What's wrong with being a boring kind of guy?
- **George Bush** 1924– American Republican statesman: during the campaign for the Republican nomination; in *Daily Telegraph* 28 April 1988
- 4 Dullness is so much stronger than genius because there is so much more of it, and it is better organized and more naturally cohesive *inter se*. So the arctic volcano can do nothing against arctic ice.
- **Samuel Butler** 1835–1902 English novelist: *Notebooks* (1912)
- 5 VISITOR TO ETON: I hope that I am not boring you.
- PROVOST: Not yet.
- **Lord Hugh Cecil** 1869–1956 British Conservative politician and educationist: attributed; in *Dictionary of National Biography* (1917–)
- 6 He is not only dull in himself, but the cause of dullness in others.
- on a dull law lord
- **Samuel Foote** 1720–77 English actor and dramatist: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1934 ed.) 1783
- 7 A bore is a fellow who opens his mouth and puts his feats in it.
- **Henry Ford** 1863–1947 American car manufacturer: attributed



- 8 Most of my contemporaries at school entered the World of Business, the logical destiny of bores.
  - **Barry Humphries** 1934– Australian actor and writer: *More Please* (1992)
- 9 He was dull in a new way, and that made many people think him *great*.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: of Thomas Gray; James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 28 March 1775
- 10 The boredom occasioned by too much restraint is always preferable to that produced by an uncontrolled enthusiasm for a pointless variety.
  - **Osbert Lancaster** 1908–86 English writer and cartoonist: *Pillar to Post* (1938)
- 11 Under pressure, people admit to murder, setting fire to the village church, or robbing a bank, but never to being bores.
  - **Elsa Maxwell** 1883–1963 American columnist and hostess: attributed
- 12 It is to be noted that when any part of this paper appears dull there is a design in it.
  - **Richard Steele** 1672–1729 Irish-born essayist and dramatist: *The Tatler* 7 July 1709
- 13 Life is too short, and the time we waste in yawning never can be regained.
  - **Stendhal** 1783–1842 French novelist: attributed
- 14 A bore is a man who, when you ask him how he is, tells you.
  - **Bert Leston Taylor** 1866–1901 American writer: *The So-Called Human Race* (1922)
- 15 Dylan talked copiously, then stopped. ‘Somebody’s boring me,’ he said, ‘I think it’s me.’
  - **Dylan Thomas** 1914–53 Welsh poet: Rayner Heppenstall *Four Absentees* (1960)
- 16 He is an old bore. Even the grave yawns for him.  
*of the actor Israel Zangwill*
  - **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852–1917 English actor-manager: Max Beerbohm *Herbert Beerbohm Tree* (1920)
- 17 In England people actually try to be brilliant at breakfast. That is so dreadful of them! Only dull people are brilliant at breakfast.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)

## Boxing

see also **SPORTS**

Boxing is show-business with blood. **David Belasco**

- 1 I figure I’ll be champ for about ten years and then I’ll let my brother take over—like the Kennedys down in Washington.  
*before becoming world heavyweight champion in 1964*
  - **Muhammad Ali** 1942– American boxer: attributed, 1979
- 2 It’s gonna be a thrilla, a chilla, and a killa,  
When I get the gorilla in Manila.
  - **Muhammad Ali** 1942– American boxer: in 1975; attributed
- 3 Boxing is show-business with blood.
  - **David Belasco** 1853–1931 American theatrical producer: in 1915; Michael Parkinson *Sporting Lives* (1993); later also used by Frank Bruno
- 4 Tall men come down to my height when I hit ‘em in the body.
  - **Jack Dempsey** 1895–1983 American boxer: in 1920, attributed
- 5 I want to keep fighting because it is the only thing that keeps me out of the hamburger joints. If I don’t fight, I’ll eat this planet.
  - **George Foreman** 1948– American boxer: in *Times* 17 January 1990



6 We're all endowed with God-given talents. Mine happens to be hitting people in the head.

- **Sugar Ray Leonard** 1956– American boxer: Thomas Hauser *The Black Lights* (1986)

7 In boxing the right cross-counter is distinctly one of those things it is more blessed to give than to receive.

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Pothunters* (1902)

# The British

see also **ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, WALES**

Modest about our national pride—and inordinately proud of our national modesty. **Ian Hislop**

1 There's nothing the British like better than a bloke who comes from nowhere, makes it, and then gets clobbered.

- **Melvyn Bragg** 1939– English broadcaster and writer: in *Guardian* 23 September 1988; referring to Richard Burton

2 It is an interesting experience to become acquainted with a country through the eyes of the insane, and, if I may say, so a particularly useful grounding for life in Britain

- **Bill Bryson** 1951– American travel writer: *Notes from a Small Island* (1995)

3 on British men:

Grubby and distinctly grey around the underwear region.

- **Germaine Greer** 1939– Australian feminist: Graham Jones *I Don't Hate Men, But–; I Don't Hate Women, But–* (1986)

4 Listening to Britons dining out is like watching people play first-class tennis with imaginary balls.

- **Margaret Halsey** 1910–97 American writer: *With Malice towards Some* (1939)

5 Modest about our national pride—and inordinately proud of our national modesty.

- **Ian Hislop** 1960– English satirical journalist: *Stiff Upper Lip—An Emotional History of Britain* BBC2, 2 October 2012

6 British Beatitudes!...Beer, beef, business, bibles, bulldogs, battleships, buggery and bishops.

- **James Joyce** 1882–1941 Irish novelist: *Ulysses* (1922)

7 The Roman Conquest was, however, a *Good Thing*, since the Britons were only natives at the time.

- **W. C. Sellar** 1898–1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898–1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)

8 What two ideas are more inseparable than Beer and Britannia?

- **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: Hesketh Pearson *The Smiths of Smiths* (1934)

9 on the suggestion that, in his books, washing has some symbolic significance: I've noticed that the British are not given to it.

- **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: attributed; in *Guardian* 27 February 1999

10 Other nations use 'force'; we Britons alone use 'Might'.

- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: *Scoop* (1938)



# Bureaucracy and Form-Filling

see also **CIVIL SERVANTS, MANAGEMENT**

A camel is a horse designed by a committee. **Alec Issigonis**

- 1 A memorandum is written not to inform the reader but to protect the writer.
  - **Dean Acheson** 1893–1971 American politician: in *Wall Street Journal* 8 September 1977
- 2 Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says ‘If an emergency, notify:’ I put ‘DOCTOR’. What’s my mother going to do?
  - **Anonymous**: modern saying, often attributed to Steven Wright
- 3 This island is made mainly of coal and surrounded by fish. Only an organizing genius could produce a shortage of coal and fish at the same time.
  - **Aneurin Bevan** 1897–1960 British Labour politician: speech at Blackpool 24 May 1945
- 4 Whatever was required to be done, the Circumlocution Office was beforehand with all the public departments in the art of perceiving—HOW NOT TO DO IT.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Little Dorrit* (1857)
- 5 The Pentagon, that immense monument to modern man’s subservience to the desk.
  - **Oliver Franks** 1905–92 English philosopher and administrator: in *Observer* 30 November 1952
- 6 when his secretary suggested throwing away out-of-date files:  
A good idea, only be sure to make a copy of everything before getting rid of it.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: Michael Freedland *The Goldwyn Touch* (1986)
- 7 Gilbert Harding, applying for a US visa, was irritated by having to fill in a long form with many questions, including ‘Is it your intention to overthrow the Government of the United States by force?’:  
Sole purpose of visit.
  - **Gilbert Harding** 1907–60 British journalist: W. Rebyburn *Gilbert Harding* (1978)
- 8 Official dignity tends to increase in inverse ratio to the importance of the country in which the office is held.
  - **Aldous Huxley** 1894–1963 English novelist: *Beyond the Mexique Bay* (1934)
- 9 on his dislike of working in teams:  
A camel is a horse designed by a committee.
  - **Alec Issigonis** 1906–88 British engineer: in *Guardian* 14 January 1991 ‘Notes and Queries’ (attributed)
- 10 The truth in these matters may be stated as a scientific law: ‘The persistence of public officials varies inversely with the importance of the matter on which they are persisting.’
  - **Bernard Levin** 1928–2004 British journalist: *In These Times* (1986)
- 11 I think it will be a clash between the political will and the administrative won’t.
  - **Jonathan Lynn** 1943– and **Antony Jay** 1930– English writers: *Yes Prime Minister* vol. 2 (1987)
- 12 filling in an embarkation form on a channel crossing:  
HAROLD NICOLSON: What age are you going to put, Osbert?  
OSBERT SITWELL: What sex are you going to put, Harold?
  - **Harold Nicolson** 1886–1968 English diplomat and writer: attributed, perhaps apocryphal



- 13 Perfection of planned layout is achieved only by institutions on the point of collapse.
- **C. Northcote Parkinson** 1909-93 English writer: *Parkinson's Law* (1958)

- 14 A committee should consist of three men, two of whom are absent.
- **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: Hesketh Pearson *Beerbohm Tree* (1956)

# Business

see also **MANAGEMENT**

Commercialism is doing well that which should not be done at all. **Gore Vidal**

- Focus groups are people who are selected on the basis of their inexplicable free time and their common love of free sandwiches.
  - **Scott Adams** 1957- American cartoonist: *The Dilbert Principle* (1996)
- TO SUCCEED  
Early to bed, early to rise,  
Never get tight, and—advertise.
  - **Anonymous**: marketing slogan, 1898; Wolfgang Mieder *Proverbs: A Handbook* (2004)
- Our clients are coping with the stress of financial loss by soaking in a hot bath scented with my Rose Geranium bath crystals.  
*on the Wall Street crash*
  - **Elizabeth Arden** c.1880-1966 Canadian-born American beautician: attributed
- Some are born great, some achieve greatness and some hire public relations officers.
  - **Daniel Boorstin** 1914-2004 American historian: attributed
- My first rule of consumerism is never to buy anything you can't make your children carry.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *The Lost Continent* (1989)
- Price is what you pay. Value is what you get.
  - **Warren Buffett** 1930- American businessman: letter to partners, 20 January 1966
- Rule No 1: never lose money. Rule No 2: never forget rule No 1.
  - **Warren Buffett** 1930- American businessman: in *Forbes* 400 27 October 1986
- I always invest in companies an idiot could run, because one day one will.
  - **Warren Buffett** 1930- American businessman: in *Mail on Sunday* 18 March 2007
- Some accountants are comedians, but comedians are never accountants.  
*defending Ken Dodd on the charge of tax evasion*
  - **George Carman** 1929-2001 English lawyer: in *Times* 30 August 2000; attributed
- I find it rather easy to portray a businessman. Being bland, rather cruel and incompetent comes naturally to me.
  - **John Cleese** 1939- English comic actor and writer: in *Newsweek* 15 June 1987
- A verbal contract isn't worth the paper it is written on.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Alva Johnston *The Great Goldwyn* (1937)
- Accountants are the witch-doctors of the modern world and willing to turn their hands to any kind of magic.
  - **Charles Harman** 1894-1970 English judge: speech, February 1964
- The last stage of fitting the product to the market is fitting the market to the product.
  - **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: in *Observer* 16 October 1989



- 14 A: I play it the company way  
Where the company puts me, there  
I'll stay.  
B: But what is your point of view?  
A: I have no point of view!  
Supposing the company thinks...I think  
so too!  
▪ **Frank Loesser** 1910-69 American  
songwriter: 'The Company Way' (1962)
- 15 The longer the title, the less important  
the job.  
▪ **George McGovern** 1922-2012 American  
Democratic politician: attributed
- 16 Skill is fine and genius is splendid, but  
the right contacts are more valuable  
than either.  
▪ **Archibald Hector McIndoe** 1900-60 New  
Zealand plastic surgeon: Leonard Mosley  
*Faces from the Fire* (1962)
- 17 *asked if there were signs of a depression in  
London:*  
If you mean that one could fire a gun  
across the Savoy Grill without hitting  
either a diner or an Italian waiter the  
answer is 'No'  
▪ **David Montague**: attributed, 1963
- 18 I think I was the first person at Motown  
to ask where the money was going. And  
that made me an enemy. Did I find out?  
Honey, I found my way out the door.  
▪ **Martha Reeves** 1941- American singer:  
Gerri Hirshey *Nowhere to Run: the story of  
soul music* (1985)
- 19 Running a company on market research  
is like driving while looking in the rear  
view mirror.  
▪ **Anita Roddick** 1942-2007 English  
businesswoman: in *Independent* 22 August  
1997
- 20 Never invest your money in anything  
that eats or needs repainting.  
▪ **Billy Rose** 1899-1966 American producer  
and songwriter: in *New York Post*  
26 October 1957
- 21 *definition of insider trading:*  
Stealing too fast.  
▪ **Calvin Trillin** 1935- American journalist  
and writer: 'The Inside on Insider Trading'  
(1987)
- 22 It's a recession when your neighbour  
loses his job; it's a depression when you  
lose yours.  
▪ **Harry S. Truman** 1884-1972 American  
Democratic statesman: in *Observer* 13 April  
1958
- 23 Put all your eggs in one basket—and  
WATCH THAT BASKET.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer:  
*Pudd'nhead Wilson* (1894)
- 24 The public be damned! I'm working for  
my stockholders.  
▪ **William H. Vanderbilt** 1821-85 American  
railway magnate: comment to a news  
reporter, 2 October 1882
- 25 [Commercialism is] doing well that  
which should not be done at all.  
▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist  
and critic: in *Listener* 7 August 1975
- 26 Go to your business, I say, pleasure,  
whilst I go to my pleasure, business.  
▪ **William Wycherley** c.1640-1716 English  
dramatist: *The Country Wife* (1675)
- 27 Nothing is illegal if one hundred well-  
placed business men decide to do it.  
▪ **Andrew Young** 1932- American politician:  
Morris K. Udall *Too Funny to be President*  
(1988)



# Canada

Climb every Mountie. **Dick Vosburgh and Denis King**

- 1 Canada is a country so square that even the female impersonators are women.
  - **Richard Benner** *Outrageous* (1977)
- 2 *definition of a Canadian*:  
Somebody who knows how to make love in a canoe.
  - **Pierre Berton** 1920–2004 Canadian writer: in *Toronto Star* 22 December 1973
- 3 Americans are benevolently ignorant about Canada, while Canadians are malevolently well-informed about the United States.
  - **John Bartlet Brebner** 1895–1957 Canadian historian: attributed
- 4 I don't even know what street Canada is on.
  - **Al Capone** 1899–1947 American gangster: remark, 1931, Roy Greenaway *The News Game* (1966)
- 5 I see Canada as a country torn between a very northern, rather extraordinary, mystical spirit which it fears and its desire to present itself to the world as a Scotch banker.
  - **Robertson Davies** 1913–95 Canadian novelist: *The Enthusiasms of Robertson Davies* (1990)
- 6 In any world menu, Canada must be considered the vichyssoise of nations—it's cold, half-French, and difficult to stir.
  - **Stuart Keate** 1913–87 Canadian journalist: attributed
- 7 In Pierre Elliott Trudeau, Canada has at last produced a political leader worthy of assassination.
  - **Irving Layton** 1912–2006 Canadian poet: *The Whole Bloody Bird* (1969)
- 8 *asked about Canadian sovereignty over the Arctic*:  
That's ours—lock, stock and iceberg.
  - **Brian Mulroney** 1939– Canadian Conservative statesman: speaking to reporters, Ottawa, 5 April 1987
- 9 I'm world famous, Dr Parks said, all over Canada.
  - **Mordecai Richler** 1931–2001 Canadian writer: *The Incomparable Atuk* (1963)
- 10 Climb every Mountie.
  - **Dick Vosburgh** 1929–2007 and **Denis King**: *Beauty and the Beards* (2001)

## Catchphrases see COMEDY ROUTINES AND CATCHPHRASES

# Cats and Dogs

*see also* **ANIMALS**

A door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of. **Ogden Nash**

- 1 Rule of feline frustration: When your cat has fallen asleep on your lap and looks utterly content and adorable you will suddenly have to go the bathroom.
  - **Anonymous**: Arthur Bloch *Murphy's Law and other reasons why things go wrong* (1977)
- 2 Cats, I always think, only jump into your lap to check if you are cold enough, yet, to eat.
  - **Anne Enright** 1962– Irish novelist and short-story writer: *The Gathering* (2007)



- 3 To his dog, every man is Napoleon: hence the constant popularity of dogs.
  - **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist: attributed; Evan Esar *The Treasury of Humorous Quotations* (1951)
- 4 Dogs who earn their living by appearing in television commercials in which they constantly and aggressively demand meat should remember that in at least one Far Eastern country they *are* meat.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)
- 5 I've never understood why women love cats. Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call, they like to stay out all night, and when they're home they like to be left alone and sleep. In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.
  - **Jay Leno** 1950- American comedian: attributed
- 6 Outside of a dog, a book is a man's best friend. Inside of a dog, it's too dark to read.
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: Groucho Marx and Stefan Kanfer *The Essential Groucho* (2000)
- 7 A door is what a dog is perpetually on the wrong side of.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'A Dog's Best Friend is his Illiteracy' (1953)
- 8 If cats looked like frogs we'd realise what nasty cruel little bastards they are. Style. That's what people remember.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Lords and Ladies* (1992)
- 9 That indefatigable and unsavoury engine of pollution, the dog.
  - **John Sparrow** 1906-92 English academic: letter to *Times* 30 September 1975
- 10 The more one gets to know of men, the more one values dogs.
  - **A. Toussenel** 1803-85 French writer: *L'Esprit des bêtes* (1847); attributed to Mme Roland in the form 'The more I see of men, the more I like dogs'
- 11 If man could be crossed with a cat it would improve man, but it would deteriorate the cat.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: notebook, 1894
- 12 The Aberdeen terrier gave me an unpleasant look and said something under its breath in Gaelic.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *The Code of the Woosters* (1938)

## Censorship

I'm all in favour of free expression provided it's kept rigidly under control.

**Alan Bennett**

- 1 There are no alternatives to 'bastard' agreeable to me. Nevertheless I have offered them 'swine' in its place.  
*on changes to the text of Endgame required by the Lord Chamberlain for the London production, summer 1958*
  - **Samuel Beckett** 1906-89 Irish dramatist, novelist, and poet: James Knowlson *Damned to Fame* (1996)
- 2 I'm all in favour of free expression provided it's kept rigidly under control.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)
- 3 Everybody favours free speech in the slack moments when no axes are being ground.
  - **Heywood Broun** 1888-1939 American journalist: in *New York World* 23 October 1926
- 4 I dislike censorship. Like an appendix it is useless when inert and dangerous when active.
  - **Maurice Edelman** 1911-75 British Labour politician: Jonathon Green (ed.) *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)



- 5 Will Hays is my shepherd, I shall not want, He maketh me to lie down in clean postures.  
*on the establishment of the 'Hays Office' in 1922 to monitor the Hollywood film industry*  
▪ **Gene Fowler** 1890-1960 American writer: Clive Marsh and Gaye Ortiz (eds.) *Explorations in Theology and Film* (1997)
- 6 It's red hot, mate. I hate to think of this sort of book getting into the wrong hands. As soon as I've finished this, I shall recommend they ban it.  
▪ **Ray Galton** 1930- and **Alan Simpson** 1929- English writers: *The Missing Page* (BBC TV, 1960) words spoken by Tony Hancock
- 7 No less than twenty-two publishers and printers read the manuscript of *Dubliners* and when at last it was printed some very kind person bought out the entire edition and had it burnt in Dublin.  
▪ **James Joyce** 1882-1941 Irish novelist: letter, 2 April 1932
- 8 Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one.  
▪ **A. J. Liebling** 1904-63 American writer: 'The Wayward Press: Do you belong in Journalism?' (1960)
- 9 She sits among the cabbages and leeks. *substitution for 'she sits among the cabbages and peas', which was supposedly forbidden by a local watch committee*  
▪ **Marie Lloyd** 1870-1922 English music-hall artiste: attributed; Nigel Rees Cassell *Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 10 Censorship, like charity, should begin at home, but, unlike charity, it should end there.  
▪ **Clare Booth Luce** 1903-87 American diplomat, politician, and writer: attributed, 1982
- 11 We have long passed the Victorian Era when asterisks were followed after a certain interval by a baby.  
▪ **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *The Constant Wife* (1926)
- 12 *on being appointed Irish film censor:* I am between the devil and the Holy See.  
▪ **James Montgomery** 1870-1943 Irish businessman and film censor: Ulick O'Connor Oliver *St John Gogarty* (1964)
- 13 I suppose that writers should, in a way, feel flattered by the censorship laws. They show a primitive fear and dread at the fearful magic of print.  
▪ **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: *Clinging to the Wreckage* (1982)
- 14 A censor is a man who knows more than he thinks you ought to.  
▪ **Laurence J. Peter** 1919-90 Canadian writer: Jonathon Green (ed.) *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)
- 15 Assassination is the extreme form of censorship.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *The Showing-Up of Blanco Posnet* (1911) 'Limits to Toleration'
- 16 We are paid to have dirty minds.  
▪ **John Trevelyan** 1903-86 British film censor: in *Observer* 15 November 1959

## Certainty and Doubt

see also **RELIGION**

I'll give you a definite maybe. **Sam Goldwyn**

- 1 He used to be fairly indecisive, but now he's not so certain.  
▪ **Peter Alliss** 1931- English golfer: Barry Fantoni (ed.) *Private Eye's Colemanballs 3* (1986)
- 2 I've never had a humble opinion. If you've got an opinion, why be humble about it?  
▪ **Joan Baez** 1941- American singer and songwriter: in *Observer* 29 February 2004



- 3 The Flying Scotsman is no less splendid a sight when it travels north to Edinburgh than when it travels south to London. Mr Baldwin denouncing sanctions was as dignified as Mr Baldwin imposing them.
  - **Lord Beaverbrook** 1879-1964 Canadian-born British newspaper proprietor and Conservative politician: in *Daily Express* 29 May 1937
- 4 Often undecided whether to desert a sinking ship for one that might not float, he would make up his mind to sit on the wharf for a day.
 

of Lord Curzon

  - **Lord Beaverbrook** 1879-1964 Canadian-born British newspaper proprietor and Conservative politician: *Men and Power* (1956)
- 5 Oh! let us never, never doubt  
What nobody is sure about!
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'The Microbe' (1897)
- 6 when asked whether he really believed a horseshoe hanging over his door would bring him luck:  
Of course not, but I am told it works even if you don't believe in it.
  - **Niels Bohr** 1885-1962 Danish physicist: *A. Pais Inward Bound* (1986)
- 7 The archbishop [Archbishop Runcie] is usually to be found nailing his colours to the fence.
  - **Frank Field** 1942- British Labour politician: attributed in *Crockfords* 1987/88 (1987); Geoffrey Madan records in his *Notebooks* that Harry Cust made a similar comment on A. J. Balfour, c.1904.
- 8 I'll give you a definite maybe.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: attributed
- 9 Well, who you gonna believe, me or your own eyes?
  - **Bert Kalmar** 1884-1947 and others screenwriters: *Duck Soup* (1933 film), spoken by Chico Marx as Chicolini
- 10 A young man who wishes to remain a sound atheist cannot be too careful of his reading.
  - **C. S. Lewis** 1898-1963 English literary scholar: *Surprised by Joy* (1955)
- 11 Like all weak men he laid an exaggerated stress on not changing one's mind.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *Of Human Bondage* (1915)
- 12 I wish I was as cocksure of anything as Tom Macaulay is of everything.
  - **Lord Melbourne** 1779-1848 British Whig statesman: Lord Cowper *Preface to Lord Melbourne's Papers* (1889)
- 13 I am not denying anything I did not say.
  - **Brian Mulroney** 1939- Canadian Conservative statesman: in *The Globe and Mail* 18 September 1986
- 14 Well, sir, you never can tell. That's a principle in life with me, sir, if you'll excuse my having such a thing, sir.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *You Never Can Tell* (1898)
- 15 All right, have it your own way—you heard a seal bark!
  - **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: cartoon caption; in *New Yorker* 30 January 1932
- 16 To try and find out the reason for everything is very dangerous and leads to nothing but disappointment and dissatisfaction, unsettling your mind and in the end making you miserable.
  - **Victoria** 1819-1901 British Queen: letter to Princess Victoria of Hesse, 22 August 1883
- 17 A mind not so much open as permanently vulnerable to a succession of opposing certainties.
 

on Conservative politician David Howell

  - **Hugo Young** 1938-2003 British journalist: *One of Us* (1991)
- 18 To convince Cézanne of anything is like teaching the towers of Notre Dame to dance.
  - **Émile Zola** 1840-1902 French novelist: Lawrence Gowing 'The Great Transformation'



## Challenges see LIFE AND ITS CHALLENGES

# Champagne

Remember gentlemen, it's not just France we are fighting for, it's Champagne!  
**Winston Churchill**

- 1 In victory, you deserve champagne, in defeat, you need it.
  - **Anonymous:** modern saying, frequently associated with Napoleon I, but without evidence
- 2 *on champagne:*  
 I drink it when I am happy and when I am sad. Sometimes I drink it when I'm alone. When I have company I consider it obligatory. I trifle with it if I'm not hungry and drink it when I am. Otherwise I never touch it...unless I'm thirsty.
  - **Lily Bollinger** 1899-1977 French businesswoman: attributed
- 3 Remember gentlemen, it's not just France we are fighting for, it's Champagne!
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: in 1918; attributed
- 4 Gentlemen, in the little moment that remains to us between the crisis and the catastrophe, we may as well take a glass of champagne.
  - **Paul Claudel** 1868-1955 French poet and diplomat: *Claud Cockburn In Time of Trouble* (1956)
- 5 There comes a time in every woman's life when the only thing that helps is a glass of champagne.
  - **Bette Davis** 1908-89 American actress: *Whitney Stine Mother Goddam* (1985)
- 6 Three be the things I shall never attain: Envy, content, and sufficient champagne.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: 'Inventory' (1937)
- 7 Champagne certainly gives one werry gentlemanly ideas, but for a continuance, I don't know but I should prefer mild hale.
  - **R. S. Surtees** 1805-64 English novelist: *Jorrocks's Jaunts and Jollities* (1838)

# Character

*see also* **SELF-KNOWLEDGE**

I've met a lot of hardboiled eggs in my time, but you're twenty minutes.  
**Billy Wilder**

- 1 A gentleman is someone who can play the accordion, but doesn't.
  - **Anonymous:** attributed
- 2 When people are on their best behaviour they aren't always at their best.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Dinner at Noon* (BBC television, 1988)
- 3 Show me a man who lives alone and has a perpetually clean kitchen, and 8 times out of 9 I'll show you a man with detestable spiritual qualities.
  - **Charles Bukowski** 1920-94 German-born American writer: *Tales of Ordinary Madness* (1983)
- 4 The best measure of a man's honesty isn't his tax return. It's the zero adjust



- on his bathroom scale.
- **Arthur C. Clarke** 1917-2008 English science fiction writer: attributed
- 5 I am so sorry. We have to stop there. I have just come to the end of my personality.  
*closing down an interview*
- **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: attributed, in *Times* 26 October 2002
- 6 We never knows wot's hidden in each other's hearts; and if we had glass winders there, we'd need keep the shutters up, some on us, I do assure you!
- **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Martin Chuzzlewit* (1844)
- 7 Claudia's the sort of person who goes through life holding on to the sides.
- **Alice Thomas Ellis** 1932-2005 English novelist: *The Other Side of the Fire* (1983)
- 8 Those who stand for nothing fall for anything.
- **Alex Hamilton** 1936- British writer and broadcaster: 'Born Old' (radio broadcast), in *Listener* 9 November 1978
- 9 Shyness is egotism out of its depth.
- **Hugh Kingsmill** 1889-1949 English man of letters: *Richard Ingrams God's Apology* (1977)
- 10 He wanted to be the bride at every wedding and the corpse at every funeral.  
*on her father Theodore Roosevelt*
- **Alice Roosevelt Longworth** 1884-1980 American socialite: attributed; early sources attribute the remark to 'one of his sons'
- 11 So cool, when he goes to bed, sheep count him.
- **David Mamet** 1947- American dramatist and director: *Heist* (2001 film), spoken by Ricky Jay as Pinky
- 12 He was a bit like a corkscrew. Twisted, cold and sharp.
- **Kate Cruise O'Brien** 1948-98 Irish writer: *A Gift Horse, and Other Stories* (1977)
- 13 He's so wet you could shoot snipe off him.
- **Anthony Powell** 1905-2000 English novelist: *A Question of Upbringing* (1951)
- 14 You can tell a lot about a fellow's character by his way of eating jellybeans.
- **Ronald Reagan** 1911-2004 American Republican statesman: in *New York Times* 15 January 1981
- 15 People will do things from a sense of duty which they would never attempt as a pleasure.
- **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *The Chronicles of Clovis* (1911)
- 16 He was so crooked, you could have used his spine for a safety-pin.
- **Dorothy L. Sayers** 1893-1957 English writer: *The Nine Tailors* (1934)
- 17 A man does not have to be an angel in order to be a saint.
- **Albert Schweitzer** 1875-1965 Franco-German missionary: attributed; *Lore Cowan The Wit of Medicine* (1972)
- 18 He's too nervous to kill himself. He wears his seat belt in a drive-in movie.
- **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *The Odd Couple* (1966)
- 19 Few things are harder to put up with than the annoyance of a good example.
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Pudd'nhead Wilson* (1894)
- 20 CECIL GRAHAM: What is a cynic?  
LORD DARLINGTON: A man who knows the price of everything and the value of nothing.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892)
- 21 I am afraid that he has one of those terribly weak natures that are not susceptible to influence.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)
- 22 I've met a lot of hardboiled eggs in my time, but you're twenty minutes.
- **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: *Ace in the Hole* (1951 film, with Lesser Samuels and Walter Newman)
- 23 Slice him where you like, a hellhound is always a hellhound.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *The Code of the Woosters* (1938)



# Children

see also **BIRTH, FAMILY, PARENTS, YOUTH**

Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he's buying. **Fran Lebowitz**

- 1 I don't work that way...The very idea that all children want to be cuddled by a complete stranger, I find completely amazing.  
*on her work for Save the Children*  
▪ **Anne, Princess Royal** 1950– British princess: in *Daily Telegraph* 17 January 1998
- 2 Children: You spend the first two years of their life teaching them to walk and talk. Then you spend the next sixteen years telling them to sit down and shut up.  
▪ **Anonymous**: saying
- 3 Being constantly with children was like wearing a pair of shoes that were expensive and too small. She couldn't bear to throw them out but they gave her blisters.  
▪ **Beryl Bainbridge** 1934–2010 English novelist: *Injury Time* (1977)
- 4 A Trick that everyone abhors  
In Little Girls is slamming Doors.  
▪ **Hilaire Belloc** 1870–1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Rebecca' (1907)
- 5 And always keep a-hold of Nurse  
For fear of finding something worse.  
▪ **Hilaire Belloc** 1870–1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Jim' (1907)
- 6 The place is very well and quiet and the children only scream in a low voice.  
▪ **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: letter 21 September 1813
- 7 I am fond of children (except boys).  
▪ **Lewis Carroll** 1832–98 English writer and logician: letter to Kathleen Eschwege, 24 October 1879
- 8 *on being asked what sort of child he was:*  
When paid constant attention,  
extremely lovable. When not, a pig.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: interview with David Frost in 1969
- 9 I'll thcream and thcream and thcream till I'm thick. And I *can*.  
*Violet Elizabeth Bott's habitual threat*  
▪ **Richmal Crompton** 1890–1969 English writer of books for children: *Still-William* (1925)
- 10 I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.  
▪ **Phyllis Diller** 1917–2012 American actress: attributed
- 11 It is only rarely that one can see in a little boy the promise of a man, but one can almost always see in a little girl the threat of a woman.  
▪ **Alexandre Dumas** 1824–95 French writer: attributed remark, 1895
- 12 There was never child so lovely but his mother was glad to get him asleep.  
▪ **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 1803–82 American philosopher and poet: *Journal* 1836
- 13 O'er the rugged mountain's brow  
Clara threw the twins she nursed,  
And remarked, 'I wonder now  
Which will reach the bottom first?'  
▪ **Harry Graham** 1874–1936 British writer and journalist: 'Calculating Clara' (1899)
- 14 When Baby's cries grew hard to bear  
I popped him in the Frigidaire.  
I never would have done so if  
I'd known that he'd be frozen stiff.  
My wife said, 'George, I'm so  
unhappé!  
Our darling's now completely *frappé*!  
▪ **Harry Graham** 1874–1936 British writer and journalist: *Ruthless Rhymes for Heartless Homes* (1899) 'L'Enfant glacé'
- 15 Kids are the best, Apu. You can teach them to hate the things you hate.  
And they practically raise themselves,



- what with the Internet and all.  
*Homer Simpson*
- **Matt Groening** 1954– American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* ‘Eight Misbehavin’ (1999) written by Matt Selman
- 16 *at the first night of J. M. Barrie’s Peter Pan:*  
Oh, for an hour of Herod!
- **Anthony Hope** 1863–1933 English novelist: Denis Mackail *The Story of JMB* (1941)
- 17 The real menace in dealing with a five-year-old is that in no time at all you begin to sound like a five-year-old.
- **Jean Kerr** 1923–2003 American writer: *Please Don’t Eat the Daisies* (1957)
- 18 *definition of a baby:*  
A loud noise at one end and no sense of responsibility at the other.
- **Ronald Knox** 1888–1957 English writer and Roman Catholic priest: attributed
- 19 The realization that it was not people I disliked but children was for me one of those celebrated moments of revelation.  
*on growing up*
- **Philip Larkin** 1922–85 English poet: *Required Writing* (1983) ‘The Savage Seventh’
- 20 The parent who could see his boy as he really is, would shake his head and say: ‘Willie is no good; I’ll sell him.’
- **Stephen Leacock** 1869–1944 Canadian humorist: *Essays and Literary Studies* (1916)
- 21 Ask your child what he wants for dinner only if he’s buying.
- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)
- 22 The knowingness of little girls  
Is hidden underneath their curls.
- **Phyllis McGinley** 1905–78 American poet: ‘What Every Woman Knows’ (1960)
- 23 *a nurse, excusing her illegitimate baby:*  
If you please, ma’am, it was a very little one.
- **Frederick Marryat** 1792–1848 English novelist: *Mr Midshipman Easy* (1836)
- 24 I love children, especially when they cry, for then someone takes them away.
- **Nancy Mitford** 1904–73 English writer: attributed
- 25 All bachelors love dogs, and we would love children just as much if they could be taught to retrieve.
- **P. J. O’Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *The Bachelor Home Companion* (1987)
- 26 Every luxury was lavished on you—atheism, breast-feeding, circumcision.
- **Joe Orton** 1933–67 English dramatist: *Loot* (1967)
- 27 Parents—especially step-parents—are sometimes a bit of a disappointment to their children. They don’t fulfil the promise of their early years.
- **Anthony Powell** 1905–2000 English novelist: *A Buyer’s Market* (1952)
- 28 Go directly—see what she’s doing, and tell her she mustn’t.
- **Punch** 1841–1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 63 (1872)
- 29 I’m in that benign form of house arrest that is looking after a baby.
- **J. K. Rowling** 1965– English novelist: in *Sunday Times* 12 June 2005
- 30 Childhood is Last Chance Gulch for happiness. After that, you know too much.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Where Are They Now?* (1973)
- 31 If you want your children to turn out well, spend twice as much time with them, and half as much money.
- **Abigail Van Buren** 1918–2013 American journalist: attributed, c. 1970
- 32 You will find as the children grow up that as a rule children are a bitter disappointment—their greatest object being to do precisely what their parents do not wish and have anxiously tried to prevent.
- **Victoria** 1819–1901 British queen: letter to the Crown Princess of Prussia, 5 January 1876
- 33 I love my children...I’m delighted to see them come and delighted to see them go.
- **Mary Wesley** 1912–2002 English novelist: attributed



- 34 The main purpose of children's parties is to remind you that there are children more awful than your own.
- **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *How to Survive Children* (1975)
- 35 Children begin by loving their parents; after a time they judge them; rarely, if ever, do they forgive them.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 36 Like so many infants of tender years he presented to the eye the aspect of a mass murderer suffering from an ingrowing toenail.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *A Few Quick Ones* (1959)

## Choice

Anything except that damned Mouse. **George V**

- 1 More than any other time in history, mankind faces a crossroads. One path leads to despair and utter hopelessness. The other, to total extinction. Let us pray we have the wisdom to choose correctly.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: *Side Effects* (1980)
- 2 That's a bit like asking a man crawling across the Sahara whether he would prefer Perrier or Malvern Water.
 

*replying to a question by Ian McKellen on his sexual orientation*

  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: attributed
- 3 I'll have what she's having.
 

*woman to waiter, seeing Sally acting an orgasm*

  - **Nora Ephron** 1941-2012 American writer and journalist: *When Harry Met Sally* (1989 film)
- 4 *George V was asked which film he would like to see while convalescing:*  
Anything except that damned Mouse.
  - **George V** 1865-1936 British king: George Lyttelton letter to Rupert Hart-Davis, 12 November 1959
- 5 Economy is going without something you do want in case you should, some day, want something you probably won't want.
  - **Anthony Hope** 1863-1933 English novelist: *The Dolly Dialogues* (1894)
- 6 A compromise in the sense that being bitten in half by a shark is a compromise with being swallowed whole.
  - **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Parliament of Whores*
- 7 *in the post office, pointing at the centre of a sheet of stamps:*  
I'll take that one.
  - **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: *Hesketh Pearson Beerbohm Tree* (1956)



# Christmas

I'm walking backwards for Christmas.

**Spike Milligan**

1 There are six evacuated children in our house. My wife and I hate them so much that we have decided to *take away* something from them for Christmas!

- **Anonymous:** letter from a friend in the country; James Agate diary 22 December 1939

2 *on her husband:*

Fang is the cheapest man alive. On Christmas Eve, he puts the kids to bed, fires one shot, and tells them Santa has committed suicide.

- **Phyllis Diller** 1917–2012 American actress: *Like a Lampshade in a Whorehouse* (2005, with Richard Buskin)

3 A Merry Christmas to all my friends except two.

- **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: attributed

4 *confessing she takes pretend baths to get away from it all:*

Sometimes I get in with no water and just lie there. I've been known to have five 'baths' on Christmas Day.

- **Dawn French** 1957– British comedy actress: in *Sunday Times* 5 December 2004

5 I am a poor man, but I would gladly give ten shillings to find out who sent me the insulting Christmas card I received this morning.

- **George Grossmith** 1847–1912 and **Weedon Grossmith** 1854–1919 English writers: *The Diary of a Nobody* (1894)

6 **DRIFTWOOD (GROUCHO MARX):** It's all right. That's—that's in every contract.

That's—that's what they call a sanity clause.

**FIORELLO (CHICO MARX):** You can't fool me. There ain't no Sanity Claus.

- **George S. Kaufman** 1889–1961 and **Morrie Ryskind** 1895–1985 screenwriters: *A Night at the Opera* (1935 film)

7 A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunderstorm, and we all go through it together.

- **Garrison Keillor** 1942– American humorous writer and broadcaster: *Leaving Home* (1987) 'Exiles'

8 I'm walking backwards for Christmas Across the Irish Sea.

- **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: 'I'm Walking Backwards for Christmas' (1956)

9 Christmas begins about the first of December with an office party and ends when you finally realize what you spent, around April fifteenth of the next year.

- **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)

10 Christmas, that time of year when people descend into the bunker of the family.

- **Byron Rogers** 1942– Welsh writer: in *Daily Telegraph* 27 December 1993

11 Be nice to yu turkeys dis christmas, Don't eat it, keep it alive, It could be yu mate an not on yu plate Say, Yo! Turkey I'm on your side.

- **Benjamin Zephaniah** 1958– British poet: 'Talking Turkeys!!' (1994)



# The Cinema

see also **ACTING, FILM, FILM PRODUCERS, FILM STARS, HOLLYWOOD**

Our comedies are not to be laughed at. **Samuel Goldwyn**

- 1 This film wasn't released—it escaped.  
on *M.A.S.H.*
  - **Robert Altman** 1922–2006 American film director: attributed
- 2 There are no rules in filmmaking. Only sins. And the cardinal sin is dullness.
  - **Frank Capra** 1897–1991 Italian-born American film director: in *People* 16 September 1991
- 3 Bring on the empty horses!  
*said while directing the 1936 film The Charge of the Light Brigade*
  - **Michael Curtiz** 1888–1962 Hungarian-born American film director: David Niven *Bring on the Empty Horses* (1975)
- 4 **GEORGES FRANJU**: Movies should have a beginning, a middle and an end.  
**JEAN-LUC GODARD**: Certainly. But not necessarily in that order.
  - **Jean-Luc Godard** 1930– French film director: in *Time* 14 September 1981
- 5 *told that he could not film Radclyffe Hall's The Well of Loneliness as it dealt with lesbians:*  
So, make them Latvians.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: attributed; Topol *A Treasury of Jewish Wit, Wisdom and Humour* (1999)
- 6 Our comedies are not to be laughed at.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: N. Zierold *Hollywood Tycoons* (1969)
- 7 Pictures are for entertainment, messages should be delivered by Western Union.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: Arthur Marx *Goldwyn* (1976)
- 8 Let's have some new clichés.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 9 'Do you have a leading lady for your film?'  
'We're trying for the Queen, she sells.'  
  - **George Harrison** 1943–2001 English singer and songwriter: at a press conference in the 1960s; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 10 The length of a film should be directly related to the endurance of the human bladder.
  - **Alfred Hitchcock** 1899–1980 British-born film director: attributed
- 11 The writer, in the eyes of many film producers, still seems to occupy a position of importance somewhere between the wardrobe lady and the tea boy, with this difference: it's often quite difficult to replace the wardrobe lady.
  - **John Mortimer** 1923–2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: *Clinging to the Wreckage* (1982)
- 12 *on the take-over of United Artists by Charles Chaplin, Mary Pickford, Douglas Fairbanks and D. W. Griffith:*  
The lunatics have taken charge of the asylum.
  - **Richard Rowland** c.1881–1947 American film producer: Terry Ramsaye *A Million and One Nights* (1926)
- 13 The trouble, Mr Goldwyn, is that you are only interested in art and I am only interested in money.  
*telegraphed version of the outcome of a conversation between Shaw and Sam Goldwyn*
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: Alva Johnson *The Great Goldwyn* (1937)



## Cities see TOWNS AND CITIES

# Civil Servants

Here lies a civil servant. He was civil To everyone, and servant to the devil.

**C. H. Sisson**

- 1 I confidently expect that we [civil servants] shall continue to be grouped with mothers-in-law and Wigan Pier as one of the recognized objects of ridicule.
  - **Edward Bridges** 1892–1969 British civil servant: *Portrait of a Profession* (1950)
- 2 Give a civil servant a good case and he'll wreck it with clichés, bad punctuation, double negatives and convoluted apology.
  - **Alan Clark** 1928–99 British Conservative politician: diary 22 July 1983
- 3 A civil servant doesn't make jokes.
  - **Eugène Ionesco** 1912–94 French dramatist: *Tueur sans gages* (The Killer, 1958)
- 4 May I hasten to support Mrs McGurgle's contention that civil servants are human beings, and must be treated as such?
  - **J. B. Morton** 1893–1975 British journalist: M. Frayn (ed.) *The Best of Beachcomber* (1963)
- 5 By the time the civil service has finished drafting a document to give effect to a principle, there may be little of the principle left.
  - **Lord Reith** 1889–1971 British administrator and politician: *Into the Wind* (1949)
- 6 Here lies a civil servant. He was civil To everyone, and servant to the devil.
  - **C. H. Sisson** 1914–2003 English poet: *The London Zoo* (1961)

# Class

see also **ARISTOCRACY, SNOBBERY**

If the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them? **Oscar Wilde**

- 1 A gentleman never eats. He breakfasts, he lunches, he dines, but he *never* eats!
  - **Anonymous**: Cole Porter's headmaster, c.1910; Caryl Brahms and Ned Sherrin *Song by Song* (1984)
- 2 His lordship may compel us to be equal upstairs, but there will never be equality in the servants' hall.
  - **J. M. Barrie** 1860–1937 Scottish writer and dramatist: *The Admirable Crichton* (performed 1902)
- 3 You know you're working class when your TV is bigger than your bookcase.
  - **Rob Beckett** English comedian: at the Edinburgh Festival fringe, August 2012
- 4 when asked by interviewer Sandra Harris on the *Today* programme whether she thought British class barriers had come down: Of course they have, or I wouldn't be sitting here talking to someone like you.
  - **Barbara Cartland** 1901–2000 English writer: *Jilly Cooper Class* (1979)
- 5 I came upstairs into the world; for I was born in a cellar.
  - **William Congreve** 1670–1729 English dramatist: *Love for Love* (1695)
- 6 Gentlemen do not take soup at luncheon.
  - **Lord Curzon** 1859–1925 British Conservative politician; Viceroy of India 1898–1905: E. L. Woodward *Short Journey* (1942)



- 7 He [Lord Home] is used to dealing with estate workers. I cannot see how anyone can say he is out of touch.  
*comment on her father's becoming Prime Minister*  
▪ **Caroline Douglas-Home** 1937– : in *Daily Herald* 21 October 1963
- 8 We are all Adam's children but silk makes the difference.  
▪ **Thomas Fuller** 1654–1734 English writer and physician: *Gnomologia* (1732)
- 9 The Earl, the Marquis, and the Dook, The Groom, the Butler, and the Cook—...  
The Aristocrat who banks with Coutts...  
The Aristocrat who cleans our boots—  
They all shall equal be.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer of comic and satirical verse: *The Gondoliers* (1889)
- 10 Bow, bow, ye lower middle classes! Bow, bow, ye tradesmen, bow, ye masses.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer of comic and satirical verse: *Iolanthe* (1882)
- 11 When every one is somebodee,  
Then no one's anybody.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer of comic and satirical verse: *The Gondoliers* (1889)
- 12 Man he eat the barracuda,  
Barracuda eat the bass  
Bass he eat the little flounder,  
'Cause the flounder lower class.  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American songwriter: 'For Every Fish' (1957)
- 13 *when William Douglas Home, son of the 13th Earl of Home, was sent to prison in 1944, his mother told him:*  
Be sure to pack your evening clothes.  
The governor is bound to ask you to dine.  
▪ **Lady Douglas Home** 1909–90: attributed
- 14 Will the people in the cheaper seats clap your hands? All the rest of you, if you'll just rattle your jewellery.  
▪ **John Lennon** 1940–80 English pop singer and songwriter: at the Royal Variety Performance, 4 November 1963
- 15 Of all the hokum with which this country [America] is riddled the most odd is the common notion that it is free of class distinctions.  
▪ **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874–1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1941
- 16 *definition of a gentleman:*  
Someone who can make a grouse do for six.  
▪ **Nigel Nicolson** 1917–2004 English writer: *Adam Nicolson Sea Room: an island life* (2002)
- 17 The upper middle classes like anything ecological: it assuages their guilt. Give your posh friends a bag of muddy parsnips. They'll love it.  
▪ **Grayson Perry** 1960– English ceramic artist: in *Sunday Times* 2 December 2012
- 18 I no longer keep the coal in the bath. I keep it in the bidet.  
▪ **John Prescott** 1938– British Labour politician: in *Independent* 3 July 1999
- 19 'She's leaving her present house and going to Lower Seymour Street.' 'I dare say she will, if she stays there long enough.'  
▪ **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *The Toys of Peace* (1919)
- 20 I don't want to talk grammar, I want to talk like a lady.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Pygmalion* (1916), spoken by Eliza Doolittle
- 21 The only infallible rule we know is, that the man who is always talking about being a gentleman never is one.  
▪ **R. S. Surtees** 1805–64 English sporting journalist and novelist: *Ask Mamma* (1858)
- 22 Nothing is more bourgeois than to be afraid to look bourgeois.  
▪ **Andy Warhol** 1927–87 American artist: *Tom Wolfe The Painted Word* (1975)
- 23 Really, if the lower orders don't set us a good example, what on earth is the use of them?  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)



- 24 I think factories would close down, actually, if it wasn't for working-class people.
- **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: *Victoria Wood—As Seen on TV* BBC2 January 1985

# The Clergy

see also **RELIGION**

There are three sexes—men, women, and clergymen. **Sydney Smith**

- 1 A priest is a man who is called Father by everyone except his own children who are obliged to call him Uncle.
  - **Anonymous**: said to be an Italian saying found in a French novel; Rupert Hart-Davis letter to George Lyttelton, 15 July 1956
- 2 As for the British churchman, he goes to church as he goes to the bathroom, with the minimum of fuss and with no explanation if he can help it.
  - **Ronald Blythe** 1922– English writer: *The Age of Illusion* (1963)
- 3 Don't like bishops...Blessed are the meek my foot! They're all on the climb. Ever heard of meekness stopping a bishop from becoming a bishop? Nor have I.
  - **Maurice Bowra** 1898–1971 English scholar and literary critic: in conversation while lunching at the Reform Club with a bishop at the next table; Arthur Marshall *Life's Rich Pageant* (1984)
- 4 Poor Uncle Harry  
Having become a missionary  
Found the natives' morals rather crude.  
He and Aunt Mary  
Quickly imposed an arbitrary  
Ban upon them shopping in the nude...  
Uncle Harry's not a missionary now.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'Uncle Harry' (1946)
- 5 The parson knows enough who knows a duke.
  - **William Cowper** 1731–1800 English poet: 'Tirocinium' (1785)
- 6 Mr Doctor, that loose gown becomes you so well I wonder your notions should be so narrow.  
*to the Puritan Dr Humphreys, as he was about to kiss her hand on her visit to Oxford in 1566*
  - **Elizabeth I** 1533–1603 English queen: F. Chamberlin *Sayings of Queen Elizabeth* (1923)
- 7 I remember the average curate at home as something between a eunuch and a snigger.
  - **Ronald Firbank** 1886–1926 English novelist: *The Flower Beneath the Foot* (1923)
- 8 This merriment of parsons is mighty offensive.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) March 1781
- 9 Evangelical vicar, in want of a portable, second-hand font, would dispose, for the same, of a portrait, in frame, of the Bishop, elect, of Vermont.  
*advertisement placed in a newspaper*
  - **Ronald Knox** 1888–1957 English writer and Roman Catholic priest: W. S. Baring-Gould *The Lure of the Limerick* (1968)
- 10 It's great being a priest, isn't it, Ted?
  - **Graham Linehan** 1968– and **Arthur Mathews** 1959– Irish writers: *Father Ted* (Channel 4 TV, 1995) 'Good Luck, Father Ted'
- 11 *to a clergyman who thanked him for the enjoyment he'd given the world:*  
And I want to thank you for all the



enjoyment you've taken out of it.

- **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: *Joe Adamson Groucho, Harpo, Chico and sometimes Zeppo* (1973)
- 12 As the French say, there are three sexes—men, women, and clergymen.
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 13 A Curate—there is something which excites compassion in the very name of a Curate!!!
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Edinburgh Review* (1822) 'Persecuting Bishops'
- 14 There is a species of person called a 'Modern Churchman' who draws the full salary of a beneficed clergyman and need not commit himself to any religious belief.
  - **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)
- 15 Merit, indeed!... We are come to a pretty pass if they talk of *merit* for a bishopric.
  - **Lord Westmorland** 1759-1841: Lady Salisbury, diary, 9 December 1835
- 16 The Bishop... was talking to the local Master of Hounds about the difficulty he had in keeping his vicars off the incense.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *Mr. Mulliner Speaking* (1929)

## Colours

If I could find anything blacker than black, I'd use it. **J. M. W. Turner**

- 1 I was shown round Tutankhamun's tomb in the 1920s. I saw all this wonderful pink on the walls and the artefacts. I was so impressed that I vowed to wear it for the rest of my life.
  - **Barbara Cartland** 1901-2000 English writer: in *Irish Times* 28 March 1998
- 2 I cannot pretend to feel impartial about the colours. I rejoice with the brilliant ones, and am genuinely sorry for the poor browns.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: *Thoughts and Adventures* (1932)
- 3 Gentlemen never wear brown in London.
  - **Lord Curzon** 1859-1925 British Conservative politician: attributed; Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 4 on the choice of colour for the Model T Ford: Any colour—so long as it's black.
  - **Henry Ford** 1863-1947 American car manufacturer and businessman: *Allan Nevins Ford* (1957)
- 5 It's just my colour: it's beige! on her first view of the Parthenon
  - **Elsie Mendl** 1865-1950 American socialite and interior decorator: *Osbert Sitwell Rat Week: An Essay on the Abdication* (1986)
- 6 If I could find anything blacker than black, I'd use it.
  - **J. M. W. Turner** 1775-1851 English landscape painter: remark, 1844
- 7 Pink is the navy blue of India.
  - **Diana Vreeland** 1903-89 American fashion editor: attributed, 1977
- 8 I think it pisses God off if you walk by the colour purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it.
  - **Alice Walker** 1944- : *The Colour Purple* (1982)



# Comebacks

'Which husband was the best lover?' 'Yours' **Joan Collins**

- 1 **NANCY ASTOR**: If I were your wife I would put poison in your coffee!  
**WINSTON CHURCHILL**: And if I were your husband I would drink it.  
▪ **Nancy Astor** 1879-1964 American-born British Conservative politician: *Consuelo Vanderbilt Balsan Glitter and Gold* (1952)
- 2 *on finishing Bill of Divorcement*:  
**KATHARINE HEPBURN**: Thank God, I don't have to act with you any more.  
**BARRYMORE**: I didn't know you ever had, darling.  
▪ **John Barrymore** 1882-1942 American actor: *in Time* 1942
- 3 **PLAYER**: I can see your tits from here.  
**BRADY**: Well, when I sell you to Crewe, you won't be able to see from there.  
*as managing director of Birmingham City Football Club*  
▪ **Karren Brady** 1969- British businesswoman: *Strong Woman: Ambition, Grit and a Great Pair of Heels* (2012)
- 4 **CHARLOTTE**: Jack says that I have a fire inside me.  
**CARRIE**: You tell him they make a cream for that.  
▪ **Candace Bushnell** 1958- , **Darren Star** 1961- , and **Patrick King** 1954- American writers: *Sex and the City* (HBO TV, 1998) Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie and Kristin Davis as Charlotte
- 5 **BESSIE BRADDOCK**: Winston, you're drunk.  
**CHURCHILL**: Bessie, you're ugly. But tomorrow I shall be sober.  
▪ **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: an exchange with the Labour MP Bessie Braddock; J. L. Lane (ed.) *Sayings of Churchill* (1992)
- 6 *Joan Rivers interviewing Joan Collins about her marriages*:  
**JOAN RIVERS**: Which husband was the best lover?

**JOAN COLLINS**: Yours.

- **Joan Collins** 1933- British actress: attributed, in *Ottawa Citizen* 11 October 1997
- 7 **KATHARINE HEPBURN**: I fear I may be too tall for you, Mr. Tracy.  
**SPENCER TRACY**: Don't worry, I'll cut you down to my size.  
*apocryphal account of their first meeting in 1942; it was the film director Joe Mankiewicz who said to Hepburn, 'He'll cut you down to size'*  
▪ **Katharine Hepburn** 1907-2003 American actress: *Bill Davidson Spencer Tracy* (1987)
  - 8 I was mistaken for a prostitute once in the last war. When a GI asked me what I charged, I said, 'Well, dear, what do your mother and sisters normally ask for?'  
▪ **Thora Hird** 1911-2003 English actress: in *Independent* 27 February 1999
  - 9 *to Clare Boothe Luce, who had stood aside for her saying, 'Age before Beauty':*  
Pearls before swine.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: *R. E. Drennan Wit's End* (1973)
  - 10 **FLO**: I've never been so insulted in my life.  
**HACKENBUSH**: Well, it's early yet.  
▪ **Robert Pirosh** 1910-89, **George Seaton** 1911-79, and **George Oppenheimer** screenwriters: *A Day at the Races* (1937 film), spoken by Esther Muir and Groucho Marx
  - 11 *responding to a savage review by Rudolph Louis in Münchener Neueste Nachricht* 7 February 1906:  
I am sitting in the smallest room of my house. I have your review before me. In a moment it will be behind me.  
▪ **Max Reger** 1873-1916 German composer: *Nicolas Slonimsky Lexicon of Musical Invective* (1953)
  - 12 Lots of grapefruit throughout the day and plenty of virile young men...but



since her past escorts include Edward Kennedy, Frank Sinatra, Andy Williams and Julio Iglesias, I think the grapefruit deserves all the credit.

responding to *Angie Dickinson*; see **diets** 4

- **Anne Robinson** 1944– British television presenter: in *Daily Mirror* 2 October 1985

- 13 **SMITH (TO THE COURT)**: At the time, my client was as drunk as a judge.  
**JUDGE (INTERJECTING)**: Mr Smith, I think you'll find the phrase is 'as drunk as a lord'.

**SMITH**: As your Lordship pleases.

- **F. E. Smith** 1872–1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: attributed

- 14 to *Richard Adams*, who had described *Vidal's* novel on *Lincoln* as 'meretricious'  
 Really? Well, meretricious and a happy

New Year to you too!

earlier uses of the response are attributed to *Franklin P. Adams* in the 1930s, and the *NBC* radio show starring the *Marx Brothers*, *Flywheel*, *Shyster* and *Flywheel*, in 1933

- **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: on *Start the Week*, BBC radio, 1970s

- 15 **EARL OF SANDWICH**: 'Pon my soul, Wilkes, I don't know whether you'll die upon the gallows or of the pox.  
**WILKES**: That depends, my Lord, whether I first embrace your Lordship's principles, or your Lordship's mistresses.

- **John Wilkes** 1727–97 English parliamentary reformer: *Charles Petrie The Four Georges* (1935); probably apocryphal

# Comedy

see also **HUMOUR**

Comedy is the blues for people who can't sing. **Chris Rock**

- I worked for a while as a stripper—that's when I realised I had a flair for comedy.
  - **Jeanine Burnier** American comedienne: *Michèle Brown and Ann O'Connor Hammer and Tongues* (1986)
- Comedy, like sodomy, is an unnatural act.
  - **Marty Feldman** 1933–83 English comedian: in *Times* 9 June 1969
- The funniest thing about comedy is that you never know why people laugh. I know *what* makes them laugh but trying to get your hands on the *why* of it is like trying to pick an eel out of a tub of water.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: *Richard J. Anobile A Flask of Fields* (1972)
- Some jokes are short and elegant, like a mathematical proof or a midget in a ball-gown.
  - **Demetri Martin** 1973– American comedian: attributed
- They laughed when I said I was going to be a comedian... They're not laughing now.
  - **Bob Monkhouse** 1928–2003 English entertainer: attributed; *BBC News* 29 December 2003 (online edition)
- Comedy is the blues for people who can't sing.
  - **Chris Rock** 1965– American comedian: in *Spin* February 1993
- Love, marriage and kids are fine, but I wouldn't give up an hour of comedy for them.
  - **Frank Skinner** 1957– English comedian: in *Times* 11 August 2007
- There are three basic rules for great comedy. Unfortunately no-one can remember what they are.
  - **Arthur Smith** 1954– English comedian: attributed



# Comedy Routines and Catchphrases

George—don't do that. **Joyce Grenfell**

- 1 CECIL: After you, Claude.  
CLAUDE: No, after you, Cecil.  
▪ **Ted Kavanagh** 1892–1958 New Zealand-born scriptwriter: catchphrase in *ITMA* (BBC radio programme, 1939–49)
- 2 Am I bovvered?  
▪ **Catherine Tate** 1968– English actress and comedienne: teenager Lauren, in *The Catherine Tate Show* (BBC TV, 2004–6)
- 3 Art thou his father?  
Ay, sir, so his mother says, if I may believe her.  
▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *The Taming of the Shrew* (1592)
- 4 Can I do you now, sir?  
*spoken by 'Mrs Mopp'*  
▪ **Ted Kavanagh** 1892–1958 New Zealand-born scriptwriter: catchphrase in *ITMA* (BBC radio programme, 1939–49)
- 5 Collapse of Stout Party.  
*supposed standard dénouement in Victorian humour*  
▪ **Anonymous**: R. Pearsall *Collapse of Stout Party* (1975) introduction
- 6 D'oh!  
*Homer J. Simpson's habitual expression of annoyance*  
▪ **Matt Groening** 1954– American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* (American TV series, 1990–)
- 7 Eat my shorts!  
*catchphrase associated with Bart Simpson*  
▪ **Matt Groening** 1954– American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* (American TV series, 1990–)
- 8 Ee, it was agony, Ivy.  
▪ **Ted Ray** 1906–77 English comedian: catchphrase in *Ray's a Laugh* (BBC radio programme, 1949–61)
- 9 'Er indoors.  
*used by Arthur Daley (played by George Cole)*  
*to refer to his wife*  
▪ **Leon Griffiths** 1928–92 English writer: ITV television series *Minder* (1979 onwards)
- 10 Fact.  
*David Brent's favourite assurance*  
▪ **Ricky Gervais** 1961– and **Stephen Merchant**: *The Office* (2001–3)
- 11 George—don't do that.  
▪ **Joyce Grenfell** 1910–79 English comedy actress and writer: used as a recurring line in monologues about a nursery school, from the 1950s
- 12 GEORGE BURNS: Say goodnight, Gracie.  
GRACIE ALLEN: Goodnight, Gracie.  
▪ **George Burns** 1896–1996 American comedian: said to be customary conclusion to *The George Burns and Gracie Allen Show* (1950–58), although Burns in *Gracie: a Love Story* (1990) described this as a showbusiness myth
- 13 Hello, I'm Julian and this is my friend, Sandy.  
▪ **Barry Took** 1928–2002 and **Marty Feldman** 1933–83: catchphrase in *Round the Horne* (BBC radio series, 1965–8), spoken by Hugh Paddick and referring to Kenneth Williams
- 14 Hello possums!  
*Dame Edna's habitual greeting to her fans*  
▪ **Barry Humphries** 1934– Australian actor and writer: *The Barry Humphries Show: Dame Edna Everage*
- 15 I 'ate you, Butler.  
*Inspector Blake (Stephen Lewis) to Stan Butler (Reg Varney)*  
▪ **Ronald Wolfe** and **Ronald Chesney**: *On the Buses* (1969–73).
- 16 I didn't get where I am today without —.  
*habitual boast of Reggie Perrin's boss CJ*  
▪ **David Nobbs** 1935– British comedy writer: BBC television series *The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin*, 1976–80



- 17 I don't mind if I do.  
*catchphrase spoken by 'Colonel Chinstrap'*  
▪ **Ted Kavanagh** 1892-1958 New Zealand-born scriptwriter: *ITMA* (BBC radio programme, 1939-49)
- 18 If you've got it, flaunt it!  
▪ **Mel Brooks** 1926- American film director and actor: *The Producers* (1967 film)
- 19 I go—I come back.  
*catchphrase spoken by 'Ali Oop'*  
▪ **Ted Kavanagh** 1892-1958 New Zealand-born scriptwriter: *ITMA* (BBC radio programme, 1939-49)
- 20 I have a cunning plan.  
*Baldrick's habitual overoptimistic promise*  
▪ **Richard Curtis** 1956- and **Ben Elton** 1959- screenwriters: spoken by Tony Robinson, in the *Blackadder* television series (BBC TV 1987-2000)
- 21 I'm free!  
*cry of 'Mr Humphries' (played by John Inman) of Grace Brothers*  
▪ **David Croft** 1922- and **Jeremy Lloyd**: in *Are You Being Served?* (1973-83).
- 22 Is it cos I is black?  
▪ **Sacha Baron Cohen** 1970- British comedian: as his character Ali G, originally in *The 11 O'Clock Show* (Channel 4 TV, 1998)
- 23 It's being so cheerful as keeps me going.  
*catchphrase spoken by 'Mona Lott'*  
▪ **Ted Kavanagh** 1892-1958 New Zealand-born scriptwriter: *ITMA* (BBC radio programme, 1939-49)
- 24 CORBETT: It's goodnight from me.  
BARKER: And it's goodnight from him.  
▪ **Ronnie Barker** 1929-2005 and **Ronnie Corbett** 1930- British comedians: in *The Two Ronnies*, 1971-87 BBC television series
- 25 It's sooo unfair!  
*habitual complaint of Kevin the Teenager*  
▪ **Harry Enfield** 1961- English comedian and writer: *Harry Enfield and Chums* (BBC TV, 1994)
- 26 I've arrived and to prove it I'm here!  
▪ **Eric Sykes** 1923-2012 and **Max Bygraves** 1922-2012: *Educating Archie*, 1950-3 BBC radio comedy series
- 27 Nobody expects the Spanish Inquisition!  
Our chief weapon is surprise—surprise  
and fear...fear and surprise...our two weapons are fear and surprise—and ruthless efficiency...our *three* weapons are fear and surprise and ruthless efficiency and an almost fanatical devotion to the Pope...our *four*...no... Amongst our weapons—amongst our weaponry—are such elements as fear, surprise...I'll come in again.  
▪ **Graham Chapman** 1941-89, **John Cleese** 1939- , and **others** British comedians: *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (BBC TV programme, 1970)
- 28 No sex, please—we're British.  
▪ **Anthony Marriott** 1931-2014 and **Alistair Foot**: title of play (1971)
- 29 Oh, calamity!  
▪ **Robertson Hare** 1891-1979 English actor: catchphrase in *Yours Indubitably* (1956)
- 30 Ohhh, I don't believe it!  
*Victor Meldrew (Richard Wilson)*  
▪ **David Renwick** 1951- British television writer: *One Foot in the Grave* (BBC television series, 1989-2000)
- 31 Oh, titter ye not.  
▪ **Frankie Howerd** 1922-92 British comedian: habitual adjuration to his audience, first introduced in *The Frankie Howerd Variety Show* 1978
- 32 Pass the sick bag, Alice.  
*referring to a canteen lady at the old Express building in Fleet Street, who conveyed plates of egg and chips to journalists at their desks*  
▪ **John Junor** 1919-97 British journalist and editor: in *Sunday Express* 28 December 1980
- 33 A play wot I wrote.  
▪ **Eddie Braben** 1930-2013 English comedy writer: spoken by Ernie Wise, in *The Morecambe and Wise Show* (BBC Television, 1967-78; Thames Television, 1978-83)
- 34 Respect!  
*Ali G acknowledges quality*  
▪ **Sacha Baron Cohen** 1971- English comedian: *Da Ali G Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2000-1)
- 35 Shome mishtake, shurely?  
▪ **Anonymous**: catchphrase in *Private Eye* magazine, 1980s



- 36 Shoulders back, lovely boy!  
*Sergeant-Major Williams* (Windsor Davies) to his concert party
- **Jimmy Perry** 1923– and **David Croft** 1922– screenwriters: *It Ain't Half Hot, Mum* (BBC TV, 1974–81)
- 37 So Harry says, 'You don't like me any more. Why not?' And he says, 'Because you've got so terribly pretentious.' And Harry says, 'Pretentious? Moi?'
- **John Cleese** 1939– and **Connie Booth** 1944– English and American-born comic actors: *Fawlty Towers* (BBC TV, 1979)
- 38 Stop messing about!  
*protest of Snide* (Kenneth Williams)
- **Ray Galton** 1930– and **Alan Simpson** 1929– English writers: *Hancock's Half Hour* (1954–9)
- 39 Take my wife—please!
- **Henny Youngman** 1906–98 American comedian: in *Times* 26 February 1998; obituary
- 40 ABBOTT: Now, on the St Louis team we have Who's on first, What's on second, I Don't Know is on third.  
COSTELLO: That's what I want to find out.
- **Bud Abbott** 1895–1974 and **Lou Costello** 1906–59 American comedians: *Naughty Nineties* (1945 film)
- 41 They don't like it up 'em!  
*Lance-Corporal Jones* (Clive Dunn)
- **Jimmy Perry** 1923– and **David Croft** 1922– screenwriters: *Dad's Army* (BBC TV, 1968–77)
- 42 Very interesting...but stupid.
- **Dan Rowan** 1922–87 and **Dick Martin** 1923–2008 American comedians: catchphrase in *Rowan and Martin's Laugh-In* (American television series, 1967–73)
- 43 What do you think of the show so far? Rubbish!
- **Eric Morecambe** 1926–84 English comedian: on *The Morecambe and Wise Show* (BBC Television, 1968–78; Thames Television, 1978–83)
- 44 Yeah but no but yeah but no.  
*Vicky Pollard's habitual protest*
- **Matt Lucas** 1974– and **David Walliams** 1971– British comedians: spoken by Matt Lucas, in *Little Britain* (BBC TV, 2003–6)
- 45 SEAGOON: Ying tong iddle I po.
- **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: *The Dreaded Batter Pudding Hurler* in *The Goon Show* (BBC radio series) 12 October 1954; catchphrase also used in *The Ying Tong Song* (1956)
- 46 You dirty old man!  
*Harold Steptoe* (Harry H. Corbett) to his father Albert
- **Ray Galton** 1930– and **Alan Simpson** 1929– English writers: *Steptoe and Son* (BBC TV, 1962–5 and 1970–4).
- 47 You might very well think that. I couldn't possibly comment.  
*the Chief Whip's habitual response to questioning*
- **Michael Dobbs** 1948– British novelist and broadcaster: *House of Cards* (BBC TV, 1990)
- 48 You plonker!  
*Del Boy Trotter* (David Jason) to his brother Rodney (Nicholas Lyndhurst)
- **John Sullivan** 1946–2011 English screenwriter: *Only Fools and Horses* (BBC TV, 1981–2003)
- 49 You stupid boy!  
*Captain Mainwaring* (Arthur Lowe) to *Private Pike* (Ian Lavender)
- **Jimmy Perry** 1923– and **David Croft** 1922– screenwriters: *Dad's Army* (BBC TV, 1968–77)



# Computers and the Internet

see also **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY**

The email of the species is deadlier than the mail. **Stephen Fry**

- 1 Now we have the World Wide Web (the only thing I know of whose shortened form—www—takes three times longer to say than what it's short for).
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952–2001 English science fiction writer: *The Salmon of Doubt* (2002)
- 2 To err is human but to really foul things up requires a computer.
  - **Anonymous**: in *Farmers' Almanac* for 1978
- 3 *Charles Babbage, inventor of the first mechanical computer, had sacrificed some very precious time to a lady, on the supposition that she understood as much as she thought she did:*  
Now, Mr Babbage, there is only one thing that I want to know. If you put the question in wrong, will the answer come out right?
  - **Anonymous**: Harriet Martineau *Autobiography* (1877)
- 4 A modern computer hovers between the obsolescent and the nonexistent.
  - **Sydney Brenner** 1927– South African biologist: in *Science* 5 January 1990; attributed
- 5 Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning.
  - **Rick Cook** 1944– American fantasy writer: *The Wizardry Compiled* (1989)
- 6 I am afraid it is a non-starter. I cannot even use a bicycle pump.  
*when asked whether she uses e-mail*
  - **Judi Dench** 1934– English actress: in *Times* 13 February 1999
- 7 You can't retrieve your life (unless you're on Wikipedia, in which case you can retrieve an inaccurate version of it).
  - **Nora Ephron** 1941–2012 American screenwriter and director: *I Remember Nothing and Other Reflections* (2012)
- 8 The email of the species is deadlier than the mail.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: in *Sunday Telegraph* 23 December 2001
- 9 Computer says No.  
*David Walliams as 'Carol'*
  - **Matt Lucas** 1974– and **David Walliams** 1971– British comedians: *Little Britain* (BBC TV, series 2, episode 1) 19 October 2004
- 10 Whenever I'm on my computer, I don't type 'lol'. I type 'lqtm': 'laugh quietly to myself'. It's more honest.
  - **Demetri Martin** 1973– American comedian: attributed
- 11 *of computers:*  
But they are useless. They can only give you answers.
  - **Pablo Picasso** 1881–1973 Spanish painter: in *Paris Review* 1964
- 12 A computer lets you make more mistakes faster than any invention in human history, with the possible exception of handguns and tequila.
  - **Mitch Ratcliffe**: in *Technology Review* April 1992
- 13 Computers make it easier to do a lot of things, but most of the things they make it easier to do don't need to be done.
  - **Andy Rooney** 1919–2011 American broadcaster: *Word for Word* (1986)
- 14 I think there is a world market for maybe five computers.
  - **Thomas Watson Snr.** 1874–1956 American businessman; Chairman of IBM: commonly attributed, but not traced; stated by IBM to derive from a misunderstanding of an occasion on 28 April 1953 when Thomas Watson Jnr. informed a meeting of IBM stockholders that 'we expected to get orders for five machines, we came home with orders for 18'



- 15 Conjunctivitus.com—now there's a site for sore eyes.
  - **Tim Vine** 1967– English comedian: attributed, 2012
- 16 We've all heard that a million monkeys banging on a million typewriters will

- eventually reproduce the entire works of Shakespeare. Now, thanks to the Internet, we know this is not true.
- **Robert Wilensky** 1951– American academic: in *Mail on Sunday* 16 February 1997

# Conversation

see also **SPEECHES**

Faith, that's as well said, as if I had said it myself. **Jonathan Swift**

- 1 When I left the dining room after sitting next to Mr Gladstone I thought he was the cleverest man in England, but after sitting next to Mr Disraeli I thought I was the cleverest woman in England.  
*view of a young lady taken into dinner by both on successive nights, sometimes attributed to Queen Victoria*
  - **Anonymous:** Princess Marie Louise *My Memories of Six Reigns* (1979)
- 2 From politics, it was an easy step to silence.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775–1817 English novelist: *Northanger Abbey* (1818)
- 3 It was such a voice as icebergs might be supposed to use to speak to each other as they passed by night in the Arctic Sea.
  - **E. F. Benson** 1867–1940 English novelist: *Miss Mapp* (1922)
- 4 Although there exist many thousand subjects for elegant conversation, there are persons who cannot meet a cripple without talking about feet.
  - **Ernest Bramah** 1868–1942 English writer: *The Wallet of Kai Lung* (1900)
- 5 When you were quite a little boy somebody ought to have said 'hush' just once!
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: letter to George Bernard Shaw, 1 November 1912
- 6 'Then you should say what you mean,' the March Hare went on. 'I do,' Alice hastily replied; 'at least—at least I mean

- what I say—that's the same thing, you know.' 'Not the same thing a bit!' said the Hatter. 'Why, you might just as well say that "I see what I eat" is the same thing as "I eat what I see!"'
- **Lewis Carroll** 1832–98 English writer and logician: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865)
- 7 Too much agreement kills a chat.
    - **Eldridge Cleaver** 1935– American civil rights activist: *Soul on Ice* (1968)
  - 8 Is it possible to cultivate the art of conversation when living in the country all the year round?
    - **E. M. Delafield** 1890–1943 English writer: *The Diary of a Provincial Lady* (1930)
  - 9 The fun of talk is to find what a man really thinks, and then contrast it with the enormous lies he has been telling all dinner, and, perhaps, all his life.
    - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Lothair* (1870)
  - 10 Blessed is the man who, having nothing to say, abstains from giving us wordy evidence of the fact.
    - **George Eliot** 1819–80 English novelist: *Impressions of Theophrastus Such* (1879)
  - 11 How time flies when you's doin' all the talking.
    - **Harvey Fierstein** 1954– American dramatist and actor: *Torch Song Trilogy* (1979)
  - 12 No man would listen to you talk if he didn't know it was his turn next.
    - **E. W. Howe** 1853–1937 American novelist and editor: *Country Town Sayings* (1911)



- 13 If you are ever at a loss to support a flagging conversation, introduce the subject of eating.
  - **Leigh Hunt** 1784-1859 English poet and essayist: J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981); attributed
- 14 A good housewife, she knew how to hash up the conversational remains of last night's dinner to furnish out this morning's lunch.
  - **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist: *Point Counter Point* (1929)
- 15 I've just spent an hour talking to Tallulah [Bankhead] for a few minutes.
  - **Fred Keating** 1897-1961 American actor: Denis Brian *Tallulah, Darling* (1980)
- 16 There are two things in ordinary conversation which ordinary people dislike—information and wit.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: *The Boy I Left Behind Me* (1947)
- 17 The opposite of talking isn't listening. The opposite of talking is waiting.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)
- 18 No-one really listens to anyone else, and if you try it for a while you'll see why.
  - **Mignon McLaughlin** 1913-83 American writer: *Complete Neurotic's Notebook* (1981)
- 19 Considering how foolishly people act and how pleasantly they prattle, perhaps it would be better for the world if they talked more and did less.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1892
- 20 She plunged into a sea of platitudes, and with the powerful breast stroke of a channel swimmer made her confident way towards the white cliffs of the obvious.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1919
- 21 He never knew what to say. If life was a party, he wasn't even in the kitchen.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Thief of Time* (2001)
- 22 commenting that George Bernard Shaw's wife was a good listener:  
God knows she had plenty of practice.
  - **J. B. Priestley** 1894-1984 English novelist, dramatist, and critic: *Margin Released* (1962)
- 23 You talkin' to me?
  - **Paul Schrader** 1946- American screenwriter: *Taxi Driver* (1976 film); spoken by Robert de Niro as Travis Bickle
- 24 [Macaulay] has occasional flashes of silence, that make his conversation perfectly delightful.
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 25 —d! said my mother, 'what is all this story about?' — 'A Cock and a Bull,' said Yorick.
  - **Laurence Sterne** 1713-68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759-67)
- 26 You talked animatedly for some time about language being the aniseed trail that draws the hounds of heaven when the metaphysical fox has gone to earth; he must have thought you were barmy.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Jumpers* (rev. ed. 1986)
- 27 Faith, that's as well said, as if I had said it myself.
  - **Jonathan Swift** 1667-1745 Irish poet and satirist: *Polite Conversation* (1738)
- 28 She never lets ideas interrupt the easy flow of her conversation.
  - **Jean Webster** 1876-1916 American novelist: *Daddy-Long-Legs* (1912)
- 29 If one plays good music, people don't listen and if one plays bad music people don't talk.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 30 If one could only teach the English how to talk, and the Irish how to listen, society here would be quite civilized.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)



# Cookery

see also **DIETS, FOOD**

For 30 years she served nothing but leftovers. The original meal was never found. **Tracey Ullman**

- 1 English cooking: put things in hot water and take them out again after a while.  
*a French chef's view*  
▪ **Anonymous**: attributed
- 2 Anyone who tells a lie has not a pure heart, and cannot make a good soup.  
▪ **Ludwig van Beethoven** 1770-1827 German composer: *Ludwig Nohl Beethoven Depicted by his Contemporaries* (1880)
- 3 Be content to remember that those who can make omelettes properly can do nothing else.  
▪ **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: *A Conversation with a Cat* (1931)
- 4 Some women, it is said, like to cook. This book is not for them.  
This book is for those of us who hate to, who have learned, through hard experience, that some activities become no less painful through repetition: childbearing, paying taxes, cooking. This book is for those of us who want to fold our big dishwater hands around a dry Martini instead of a wet flounder, come the end of a long day.  
▪ **Peg Bracken** 1918-2007 American writer: *The 'I Hate to Cook' Book* (1960)
- 5 [My] standard position in regard to cooking is on the sofa with my feet up  
▪ **Peg Bracken** 1918-2007 American writer: attributed, in *Guardian* 10 December 2007
- 6 The discovery of a new dish does more for the happiness of mankind than the discovery of a new star.  
▪ **Anthelme Brillat-Savarin** 1755-1826 French jurist and gourmet: *Physiologie du Goût* (1826)
- 7 He said, 'I look for butterflies  
That sleep among the wheat:  
I make them into mutton-pies,  
And sell them in the street.'  
▪ **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- 8 I always give my bird a generous butter massage before I put it in the oven. Why? Because I think the chicken likes it—and, more importantly, I like it.  
▪ **Julia Child** 1912-2004 American cook: attributed, but probably apocryphal
- 9 You cannot trust people who have such bad cuisine. It is the country with the worst food after Finland.  
*on the British*  
▪ **Jacques Chirac** 1932- French statesman: in *Times* 5 July 2005
- 10 I have made a *consommé* devoutly to be wished.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Cole Lesley *Remembered Laughter* (1976); the phrase in fact appears as early as the nineteenth century
- 11 We approached our new microwave oven with the trepidation of two people returning to a reactor station after a leak.  
▪ **Fanny Cradock** 1909-94 English cook: in *Daily Telegraph* 1979
- 12 An unwatched pot boils *immediately*.  
▪ **H. F. Ellis** 1907-2000 English writer: in *Punch* February 1946
- 13 Old Italian chefs never die—they're just put out to pasta.  
▪ **Shelby Friedman**: attributed
- 14 Heaven sends us good meat, but the Devil sends cooks.  
▪ **David Garrick** 1717-79 English actor-manager: 'On Doctor Goldsmith's Characteristical Cookery' (1777)



- 15 She did not so much cook as assassinate food.
  - **Storm Jameson** 1891–1986 English novelist: attributed
- 16 A cucumber should be well sliced, and dressed with pepper and vinegar, and then thrown out, as good for nothing.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *James Boswell Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides* (1785) 5 October 1773
- 17 Sorry, I don't do offal.  
*invited to help improve the food in the Westminster kitchens*
  - **Jamie Oliver** 1975– English chef and broadcaster: in *Mail on Sunday* 15 June 2003
- 18 A woman always has half an onion left over, no matter what the size of the onion, the dish or the woman.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Monstrous Regiment* (2003)
- 19 Her cooking is the missionary position of cooking. That is how everybody starts.  
*defending Delia Smith*
  - **Egon Ronay** 1915–2010 Hungarian-born food critic: in *Independent on Sunday* 1 November 1998
- 20 I read recipes the same way I read science fiction. I get to the end and I think, 'Well, that's not going to happen'.
  - **Rita Rudner** 1953– American comedienne and writer: attributed
- 21 The cook was a good cook, as cooks go; and as cooks go, she went.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald* (1904)
- 22 'But why should you want to shield him?' cried Egbert; 'the man is a common murderer.' 'A common murderer, possibly, but a very uncommon cook.'
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Beasts and Super-Beasts* (1914)
- 23 The most remarkable thing about my mother is that for 30 years she served nothing but leftovers. The original meal was never found.
  - **Tracey Ullman** 1959– English-born actress: in *Observer* 23 May 1999
- 24 And now with some pleasure I find that it's seven; and must cook dinner. Haddock and sausage meat. I think it is true that one gains a certain hold on sausage and haddock by writing them down.
  - **Virginia Woolf** 1882–1941 English novelist: diary, 8 March 1941

## Countries and Peoples

see also **AMERICA, AUSTRALIA, BRITISH, CANADA, FRANCE, IRELAND**

Abroad is unutterably bloody and foreigners are fiends. **Nancy Mitford**

- 1 I design coastlines. I got an award for Norway.
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952–2001 English science fiction writer: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (BBC radio, 1978)
- 2 It's where they commit suicide and the king rides a bicycle, Sweden.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Enjoy* (1980)
- 3 The sort of place to send your mother-in-law for a month, all expenses paid.  
*of Pakistan, in a BBC Radio interview,*
  - 17 March 1984; in April 1984 he was fined £1000 for making the remark by the Test and County Cricket Board
  - **Ian Botham** 1955– English cricketer: in *Times* 20 March 1984
- 4 I'm a Red Sea pedestrian, and proud of it!  
*Graham Chapman as 'Brian'*
  - **Graham Chapman** 1941–89, **John Cleese** 1939–, and others British comedians: *Monty Python's Life of Brian* (1979 film)



- 5 They're Germans. Don't mention the war.
  - **John Cleese** 1939– and **Connie Booth** 1944– English and American-born comic actors: *Fawlty Towers* (BBC TV programme, 1975)
- 6 the French jazz critic *Hugues Panassie* had given *Condon* a generally favourable notice: I don't see why we need a Frenchman to come over here and tell us how to play American music. I wouldn't think of going to France and telling him how to jump on a grape.
  - **Eddie Condon** 1905–73 American jazz musician: *Bill Crow Jazz Anecdotes* (1990)
- 7 To speak with your mouth full  
And swallow with greed  
Are national traits  
Of the travelling Swede.
  - **Duff Cooper** 1890–1954 British Conservative politician, diplomat, and writer: *Philip Ziegler Diana Cooper* (1981)
- 8 Don't let's be beastly to the Germans  
When our Victory is ultimately won.  
It was just those nasty Nazis who  
persuaded them to fight  
And their Beethoven and Bach are really  
far worse than their bite,
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'Don't Let's Be Beastly to the Germans' (1943)
- 9 Switzerland is a place where they don't like to fight, so they get people to do their fighting for them while they ski and eat chocolate.
  - **Larry David** 1947– American writer, producer, and comedian: *Curb Your Enthusiasm* (HBO TV, 2001) 'The Doll'
- 10 Get yourself a Geisha. The flower of Asia,  
She's one with whom to take up.  
At night your bed she'll make up,  
And she'll be there when you wake up.
  - **Howard Dietz** 1896–1983 American songwriter: 'Get Yourself a Geisha' (1935)
- 11 When it comes to clichés, the Germans are extremely diligent, efficient and disciplined about living up to them.
  - **Rainer Erlinger** 1965– German physician and lawyer: in *Guardian* 27 January 2012
- 12 I'm not Jewish. I only look intelligent.  
*to Nazis in his cabaret audience, 1931*
  - **Werner Finck** 1902–78 German comedian: *Humphrey Carpenter That Was Satire That Was* (2000)
- 13 on the reunification of Germany:  
It's like the Beatles coming together again—let's hope they don't go on a world tour.
  - **Matt Frei** 1963– British journalist: in *Listener* 21 June 1990
- 14 on being asked his opinion of New Zealand:  
I find it hard to say, because when I was there it seemed to be shut.
  - **Clement Freud** 1924–2009 English politician, broadcaster, and writer: *Quote... Unquote* (BBC radio, 1978)
- 15 What cleanliness everywhere! You dare not throw your cigarette into the lake. No graffiti in the urinals. Switzerland is proud of this; but I believe this is just what she lacks: manure.
  - **André Gide** 1869–1951 French novelist and critic: diary, Lucerne, 10 August 1917
- 16 For he might have been a Roosian,  
A French, or Turk, or Proosian,  
Or perhaps Ital-ian!  
But in spite of all temptations  
To belong to other nations,  
He remains an Englishman!
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *HMS Pinafore* (1878)
- 17 Miles of cornfields, and ballet in the evening.  
*of Russia*
  - **Alan Hackney** 1924–2009 English novelist: *Private Life* (1958) (later filmed as *I'm All Right Jack*, 1959)
- 18 Holland...lies so low they're only saved by being dammed.
  - **Thomas Hood** 1799–1845 English poet and humorist: *Up the Rhine* (1840) 'Letter from Martha Penny to Rebecca Page'
- 19 And we will all go together when  
we go—  
Every Hottentot and every Eskimo.
  - **Tom Lehrer** 1928– American humorist: 'We Will All Go Together When We Go' (1953)



- 20 In fact, I'm not really a Jew. Just Jew-ish. Not the whole hog, you know.  
 ▪ **Jonathan Miller** 1934- English writer and director: *Beyond the Fringe* (1960 review) 'Real Class'
- 21 Frogs...are slightly better than Huns or Wops, but abroad is unutterably bloody and foreigners are fiends.  
 ▪ **Nancy Mitford** 1904-73 English writer: *The Pursuit of Love* (1945)
- 22 There's only two things I hate in this world. People who are intolerant of other people's cultures and the Dutch.  
 ▪ **Mike Myers** 1963- Canadian actor: *Goldmember* (2002 film, with Michael McCullers), spoken by Michael Caine as Nigel Powers
- 23 The people of Crete unfortunately make more history than they can consume locally.  
 ▪ **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Chronicles of Clovis* (1911)
- 24 I think he bought his doublet in Italy, his round hose in France, his bonnet in Germany, and his behaviour everywhere.  
 ▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *The Merchant of Venice* (1596-8)
- 25 England and America are two countries divided by a common language.  
 ▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: attributed in this and other forms, but not found in Shaw's published writings
- 26 I look upon Switzerland as an inferior sort of Scotland.  
 ▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: letter to Lord Holland, 1815
- 27 *a travelling companion on the Alps:* They say if the Swiss had designed these mountains, um, they'd be rather flatter.  
 ▪ **Paul Theroux** 1941- American novelist and travel writer: 'Misery on the Orient Express' in *Atlantic Monthly* July 1975
- 28 Lump the whole thing! say that the Creator made Italy from designs by Michael Angelo!  
 ▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *The Innocents Abroad* (1869)
- 29 I don't like Norwegians at all. The sun never sets, the bar never opens, and the whole country smells of kippers.  
 ▪ **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: letter to Lady Diana Cooper, 13 July 1934
- 30 In Italy for thirty years under the Borgias they had warfare, terror, murder, bloodshed—they produced Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and the Renaissance. In Switzerland they had brotherly love, five hundred years of democracy and peace and what did that produce...? The cuckoo clock.  
 ▪ **Orson Welles** 1915-85 American actor and film director: *The Third Man* (1949 film); words added by Welles to Graham Greene's script
- 31 I don't like Switzerland: it has produced nothing but theologians and waiters.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: letter from Switzerland, 20 March 1899

**The Country** *see* **NATURE AND THE COUNTRY**



# Cricket

see also **SPORTS**

Never read print, it spoils one's eye for the ball. **W. G. Grace**

- 1 *when playing in a Lancashire league game, Dennis Lillee's ball hit the batsman on the leg. Although given out, the batsman remained at the crease, and Lillee insisted forcefully that he must go:*  
I'd love to go Dennis but I daren't move.  
I think you've broken my bloody leg.  
▪ **Anonymous:** Michael Parkinson *Sporting Lives* (1993)
- 2 *in Australian cricket, traditional line of wicket-keeper to new batsman:*  
How's the wife and my kids?  
▪ **Anonymous:** Simon Hughes *Yakking Around the World* (2000)
- 3 *the umpire to the bowler, after 'not out' was called when W. G. Grace was unexpectedly bowled first ball:*  
They have paid to see Dr Grace bat, not to see you bowl.  
▪ **Anonymous:** Harry Furniss *A Century of Grace* (1985); perhaps apocryphal
- 4 *after South Africa's 'Tufty' Mann had baffled George Mann of Middlesex with three successive deliveries in 1947:*  
It is a clear case of Mann's inhumanity to Mann.  
▪ **John Arlott** 1914-91 English journalist and broadcaster: *Another Word from Arlott* (1985)
- 5 *on being seen looking at a newspaper while fielding in the deep:*  
I just wanted to find out who we were playing.  
▪ **Warwick Armstrong** 1879-1947 Australian cricketer: during the 1921 Test match; G. F. Lamb *Apt and Amusing Quotations* (1988)
- 6 *on being approached for a contribution to W. G. Grace's testimonial:*  
It's not in support of cricket but as an earnest protest against golf.  
▪ **Max Beerbohm** 1872-1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: attributed
- 7 The last positive thing England did for cricket was to invent it.  
▪ **Ian Chappell** 1943- Australian cricketer: in *Mail on Sunday* 6 January 2002
- 8 *Never read print, it spoils one's eye for the ball.*  
*habitual advice to his players*  
▪ **W. G. Grace** 1848-1915 English cricketer: Harry Furniss *A Century of Grace* (1985)
- 9 Cricket—a game which the English, not being a spiritual people, have invented in order to give themselves some conception of eternity.  
▪ **Lord Mancroft** 1914-87 British Conservative politician: *Bees in Some Bonnets* (1979)
- 10 *having watched a match at Lord's for several hours:*  
**MICHAEL DAVIE:** Are you enjoying it?  
**GROUCHO MARX:** It's great. When does it start?  
▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: in *Daily Telegraph* 13 December 2005
- 11 It's a funny kind of month, October. For the really keen cricket fan it's when you discover your wife left you in May.  
▪ **Denis Norden** 1922- English humorist: in *She* October 1977
- 12 Personally, I have always looked upon cricket as organized loafing.  
*view of a future archbishop of Canterbury in 1925*  
▪ **William Temple** 1881-1944 English theologian and archbishop: Michael Parkinson *Sporting Lives* (1993)
- 13 I need nine wickets from this match, and you buggers had better start drawing straws to see who I don't get.  
*to an opposing team*  
▪ **Freddie Trueman** 1931-2006 English cricketer: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)



- 14 *asked if he thought anyone would surpass his achievement in taking 300 Test wickets: If anyone beats it, they'll be bloody tired.*  
 ▪ **Freddie Trueman** 1931-2006 English cricketer: in 1964; quoted in obituary, BBC Sport (online edition) 1 July 2006
- 15 Fred, t'definitive volume on t'best fast bowler that ever drew breath.  
*suggested title for his biography; often quoted as 't'finest bloody fast bowler...'*  
 ▪ **Freddie Trueman** 1931-2006 English cricketer: Michael Parkinson *Sporting Profiles* (1995)
- 16 To the spectator, cricket is more a therapy than a sport. It is like watching fish dart about a pool.  
 ▪ **Michael Wale** English journalist: Len Deighton and Adrian Bailey *London Dossier* (1967)
- 17 It's a well-known fact that, when I'm on 99, I'm the best judge of a run in all the bloody world.  
*to Cyril Washbrook*  
 ▪ **Alan Wharton** 1923-93 English cricketer: Freddie Trueman *You Nearly Had Me That Time* (1978)
- 18 Cricket is basically baseball on valium.  
 ▪ **Robin Williams** 1951-2014 American actor: attributed

# Crime and Punishment

see also **LAW, JUDGES**

One restaurant, you're in business, four restaurants it's the Mafia. **Neil Simon**

- 1 It's a fairly unique position to have been in: to have, at one stage, been in charge of prison funding and then to have been an inmate. I wish I'd been more generous.  
*former Chief Secretary to the Treasury imprisoned for perjury in 1999*  
 ▪ **Jonathan Aitken** 1942- British Conservative politician: in *Belfast Telegraph* 29 May 2000
- 2 I have kleptomania. But when it gets bad, I take something for it.  
 ▪ **Anonymous**: saying, associated with both Ken Dodd and Robert Benchley
- 3 Sammy, you've already lost one eye. D'you wanna go for two?  
*gangster threatening Sammy Davis Jr*  
 ▪ **Anonymous**: Donald Zec *Put the Knife in Gently* (2003)
- 4 Mafia hitman, on trial in Sicily for a double murder:  
 It was not me who killed those two men because that night I was shooting two other men.  
 ▪ **Anonymous**: in *Mail on Sunday* 4 January 2004 'Quotes of the Year'
- 5 When their lordships asked Bacon How many bribes he had taken  
 He had at least the grace  
 To get very red in the face.  
 ▪ **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956 English writer: 'Bacon' (1939)
- 6 to the prison chaplain who asked if he were sewing (mailbags), when imprisoned for fraud: No, reaping.  
 ▪ **Horatio Bottomley** 1860-1933 British newspaper proprietor and financier: S. T. Felstead *Horatio Bottomley* (1936)
- 7 What is robbing a bank compared with founding a bank?  
 ▪ **Bertolt Brecht** 1898-1956 German dramatist: *Die Dreigroschenoper* (1928)
- 8 Thieves respect property. They merely wish the property to become their property that they may more perfectly respect it.  
 ▪ **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: *The Man who was Thursday* (1908)
- 9 Thou shalt not steal; an empty feat,  
 When it's so lucrative to cheat.  
 ▪ **Arthur Hugh Clough** 1819-61 English poet: 'The Latest Decalogue' (1862)



- 10 Three juvenile delinquents,  
Juvenile delinquents,  
Happy as can be—we  
Waste no time  
On the wherefores and whys of it;  
We like crime  
And that's about the size of it.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'Three Juvenile Delinquents' (1949)
- 11 *of a burglar:*  
He found it inconvenient to be poor.  
▪ **William Cowper** 1731–1800 English poet: 'Charity' (1782)
- 12 *a prisoner before Mr Justice Darling objected to being called 'a professional crook':*  
PRISONER: I've only done two jobs, and each time I've been nabbed.  
LORD DARLING: It has never been suggested that you are successful in your profession.  
▪ **Lord Darling** 1849–1936 English judge: *Edward Maltby Secrets of a Solicitor* (1929)
- 13 It's over, and can't be helped, and that's one consolation, as they always says in Turkey, ven they cuts the wrong man's head off.  
▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Pickwick Papers* (1837)
- 14 It is quite a three-pipe problem, and I beg that you won't speak to me for fifty minutes.  
▪ **Arthur Conan Doyle** 1859–1930 Scottish-born writer: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (1892) 'The Red-Headed League'
- 15 'Excellent,' I cried. 'Elementary,' said he.  
▪ **Arthur Conan Doyle** 1859–1930 Scottish-born writer: *The Memoirs of Sherlock Holmes* (1894). 'Elementary, my dear Watson' is not found in any book by Conan Doyle, and first appears in P. G. Wodehouse *Psmith Journalist* (1915)
- 16 Major Strasser has been shot. Round up the usual suspects.  
▪ **Julius J. Epstein** 1909–2001 and others American screenwriters: *Casablanca* (1942 film)
- 17 Hanging is too good for him. He must be posted to the infantry.  
*on being asked to endorse the execution of a cavalryman who sodomized his horse*  
▪ **Frederick the Great** 1712–86 Prussian monarch: Giles MacDonogh *Frederick the Great: a Life in Deed and Letters* (1999)
- 18 Awaiting the sensation of a short, sharp shock,  
From a cheap and chippy chopper on a big black block.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *The Mikado* (1885)
- 19 As some day it may happen that a victim must be found,  
I've got a little list—I've got a little list  
Of society offenders who might well be under ground  
And who never would be missed—who never would be missed!  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *The Mikado* (1885)
- 20 It was beautiful and simple as all truly great swindles are.  
▪ **O. Henry** 1862–1910 American short-story writer: *Gentle Gafter* (1908) 'Octopus Marooned'
- 21 Though he might be more humble, there is no police like Holmes.  
▪ **Ernest Hornung** 1866–1921 English novelist: *Arthur Conan Doyle Memories and Adventures* (1924)
- 22 Let it appear in a criminal trial that the accused is a Sunday-school superintendent, and the jury says guilty almost automatically.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)
- 23 *on the campaign trail for Mayor of London:*  
Death to anyone who drops chewing gum.  
▪ **Steven Norris** 1945– British Conservative politician: in *Sunday Times* 13 June 2004
- 24 If I ever hear you accuse the police of using violence on a prisoner in custody again, I'll take you down to the station and beat the eyes out of your head.  
▪ **Joe Orton** 1933–67 English dramatist: *Loot* (1966), spoken by Inspector Truscott



25 The most peaceable way for you, if you do take a thief, is, to let him show himself what he is and steal out of your company.

- **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *Much Ado About Nothing* (1598–9)

26 She starts to tell me how she's...married to an Italian with four restaurants on Long Island and right away I dig he's in with the mob. I mean one restaurant, you're in business, four restaurants it's the Mafia.

- **Neil Simon** 1927– American dramatist: *The Gingerbread Lady* (1970)

## Critics and Criticism

A man who knows the way but can't drive the car. **Kenneth Tynan**

1 A bad review may spoil your breakfast but you shouldn't allow it to spoil your lunch.

- **Kingsley Amis** 1922–95 English novelist and poet: *Giles Gordon Aren't We Due a Royalty Statement?* (1993); attributed

2 Full many a gallant man lies slain  
On Waterloo's ensanguined plain,  
But none by bullet or by shot  
Fell half so flat as Walter Scott.

*comment on Scott's poem 'The Field of Waterloo' (1815), sometimes attributed to Thomas Erskine*

- **Anonymous:** *Una Pope-Hennessy The Laird of Abbotsford* (1932)

3 It is a pity that the composer did not leave directions as to how flat he really did want it sung.

- **Anonymous:** review in *West Wilts Herald* 1893; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)

4 Beware geeks bearing scripts.  
*headline to Nick Lowe's review of Troy*

- **Anonymous:** in *Times Literary Supplement* 4 June 2004

5 There is less in this than meets the eye.

- **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903–68 American actress: of a revival of Maeterlinck's play 'Aglavaine and Selysette'; Alexander Woollcott *Shouts and Murmurs* (1922)

6 I have always thought it was a sound impulse by which he [Kipling] was driven to put his 'Recessional' into the waste-paper basket, and a great pity that Mrs Kipling fished it out and made

him send it to *The Times*.

- **Max Beerbohm** 1872–1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: letter 30 October 1913

7 *apparent reassurance to a leading lady after a particularly bad first night:*

My dear, good is not the word.

- **Max Beerbohm** 1872–1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: attributed; Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)

8 Critics are like eunuchs in a harem; they know how it's done, they've seen it done every day, but they're unable to do it themselves.

- **Brendan Behan** 1923–64 Irish dramatist: Jonathon Green (ed.) *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)

9 Hebrews 13.8. [Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and forever.]  
*summing up the long-running 1920s Broadway hit Abie's Irish Rose*

- **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: Peter Hay *Theatrical Anecdotes* (1987)

10 Listen, dear, you couldn't write 'fuck' in the dust on a Venetian blind.

*to a Hollywood writer who had criticized Alan Bennett's 'An Englishman Abroad'*

- **Coral Browne** 1913–91: attributed

11 COBBETT'S ENGLISH GRAMMAR This work has been published to the amount of fifty-five thousand copies, without ever having been mentioned



- by the old shuffling bribed sots, called reviewers.
- **William Cobbett** 1762-1835 English reformer and journalist: *Cobbett's Political Register* (1825) 'A List of Mr Cobbett's Publications'
- 12 *on book reviewing:*  
The thankless task of drowning other people's kittens.
- **Cyril Connolly** 1903-74 English writer: attributed; Stefan Collini *Common Reading* (2008)
- 13 *on the 1959 remake of Ben Hur:*  
Loved Ben, hated Hur.
- **William Connor** ('Cassandra') 1909-67 English journalist: Robert Connor *Cassandra: Reflections in a Mirror* (1969)
- 14 It's about as long as *Parsifal*, and not as funny.  
*on Camelot*
- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Dick Richards *The Wit of Noël Coward* (1968)
- 15 *of Lionel Bart's musical Blitz:*  
Just as long as the real thing and twice as noisy.
- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 16 *on leaving halfway through an especially cloying screening:*  
My family has a history of diabetes.
- **Judith Crist** 1922-2012 American film critic: attributed, in *Esquire* 1976
- 17 You know who the critics are? The men who have failed in literature and art.
- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Lothair* (1870)
- 18 One of the most characteristic sounds of the English Sunday is the sound of Harold Hobson barking up the wrong tree.  
*on the notable theatre critic*
- **Penelope Gilliatt** 1933-93 British writer: in *Encore* November-December 1959
- 19 I have knocked everything but the knees of the chorus girls, and nature has anticipated me there.
- **Percy Hammond** 1873-1936 American critic: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 20 Asking a working writer what he thinks about critics is like asking a lamp-post how it feels about dogs.
- **Christopher Hampton** 1946- English dramatist: in *Sunday Times Magazine* 16 October 1977
- 21 When I read something saying I've not done anything as good as *Catch-22* I'm tempted to reply, 'Who has?'
- **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist: in *Times* 9 June 1993
- 22 There is a sort of savage nobility about his firm reliance on his own bad taste.  
*of Richard Bentley's edition of Paradise Lost*
- **A. E. Housman** 1859-1936 English poet: 'Introductory Lecture' (1892)
- 23 I want something that will keep me awake thinking it was the food I ate and not the show I saw.  
*after a disastrous preview*
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 24 The quickest way to start a punch-up between two British literary critics is to ask them what they think of the poems of Sir John Betjeman
- **Philip Larkin** 1922-85 English poet: introduction to *Collected Poems* (1971)
- 25 Mine was the kind of piece in which nobody knew what was going on, including the composer, the conductor, and the critics. Consequently I got pretty good notices.
- **Oscar Levant** 1906-72 American pianist: *A Smattering of Ignorance* (1940)
- 26 He took the praise as a greedy boy takes apple pie, and the criticism as a good dutiful boy takes senna-tea.  
*of Bulwer Lytton, whose novels he had criticized*
- **Lord Macaulay** 1800-59 English politician and historian: letter, 5 August 1831
- 27 He takes the long review of things; He asks and gives no quarter. And you can sail with him on wings Or read the book. It's shorter.
- **David McCord** 1897-1997 American poet: 'To A Certain Most Certainly Certain Critic' (1945)



- 28 I didn't like the play, but then I saw it under adverse conditions—the curtain was up.
- **Groucho Marx** 1890–1977 American film comedian: ad-lib, attributed in an interview by Marx to George S. Kaufman; Peter Hay *Broadway Anecdotes* (1989)
- 29 Reviewing here [in Baltimore] is a hazardous occupation. Once I spoke harshly of an eminent American novelist, and he retaliated by telling a very charming woman that I was non compos penis. In time she came to laugh at him as a liar.
- **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: letter to Hugh Walpole, 1922
- 30 And it is that word 'hummy', my darlings, that marks the first place in 'The House at Pooh Corner' at which Tonstant Weader fwowed up.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: review in *New Yorker* 20 October 1928
- 31 In fact, now that you've got me right down to it, the only thing I didn't like about *The Barretts of Wimpole Street* was the play.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: review in *New Yorker* 21 February 1931
- 32 *House Beautiful* is play lousy.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: review in *New Yorker* 1933
- 33 Let my people go!  
at a viewing of *Exodus*
- **Mort Sahl** 1926– Canadian-born American comedian: attributed, 1961; Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 34 Last year I gave several lectures on 'Intelligence and the Appreciation of Music Among Animals'. Today I am going to speak to you about 'Intelligence and the Appreciation of Music Among Critics'. The subject is very similar.
- **Erik Satie** 1866–1925 French composer: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 35 Never pay any attention to what critics say...A statue has never been set up in honour of a critic!
- **Jean Sibelius** 1865–1957 Finnish composer: Bengt de Törne *Sibelius: A Close-Up* (1937)
- 36 I never read a book before reviewing it; it prejudices a man so.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: H. Pearson *The Smith of Smiths* (1934)
- 37 Of all the cants which are canted in this canting world,—though the cant of hypocrites may be the worst,—the cant of criticism is the most tormenting!
- **Laurence Sterne** 1713–68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759–67)
- 38 As learned commentators view  
In Homer more than Homer knew.
- **Jonathan Swift** 1667–1745 Irish poet and satirist: 'On Poetry' (1733)
- 39 *John Churton Collins, a rival of poet Edmund Gosse, launched a bitter critical attack on him. When Gosse took tea with Tennyson he found an ally who defined Collins as:*  
A louse in the locks of literature.
- **Alfred, Lord Tennyson** 1809–92 English poet: Evan Charteris *Life and Letters of Sir Edmund Gosse* (1931)
- 40 My dear Sir: I have read your play. Oh,  
my dear Sir!  
Yours faithfully.  
*rejecting a play*
- **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852–1917 English actor-manager: Peter Hay *Theatrical Anecdotes* (1987)
- 41 I believe that the trade of critic, in literature, music, and the drama, is the most degraded of all trades, and that it has no real value...However, let it go. It is the will of God that we must have critics, and missionaries, and Congressmen, and humorists, and we must bear the burden.
- **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Autobiography* (1924)
- 42 A critic is a man who knows the way but can't drive the car.
- **Kenneth Tynan** 1927–80 English theatre critic: in *New York Times Magazine* 9 January 1966



- 43 The original Greek is of great use in elucidating Browning's translation of the *Agamemnon*.  
 ▪ **Robert Yelverton Tyrrell** 1844-1914 Irish classicist: habitual remark to students; Ulick O'Connor Oliver *St John Gogarty* (1964)
- 44 Critics search for ages for the wrong word which, to give them credit, they eventually find.  
 ▪ **Peter Ustinov** 1921-2004 British actor, director, and writer: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 45 Norman Mailer, annoyed at Vidal's literary style of criticism, hit him over the head with a glass tumbler:  
 Ah, Mailer is, as usual, lost for words.  
 ▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: attributed
- 46 Said a critic initialled E. N.  
 'Why does my wife like young men?'  
 A friend said: 'You fool,  
 Don't you know that the tool  
 Is mightier far than the pen?'  
*in course of a feud with the music critic Ernest Newman*  
 ▪ **Peter Warlock** 1894-1930 English composer: attributed
- 47 WILDE: I shall always regard you as the best critic of my plays.  
 TREE: But I have never criticized your plays.  
 WILDE: That's why.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: conversation with Beerbohm Tree after the first-night success of *A Woman of No Importance*; Hesketh Pearson *Beerbohm Tree* (1956)
- 48 One must have a heart of stone to read the death of Little Nell without laughing.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: Ada Leverson *Letters to the Sphinx* (1930)
- 49 I HAVE BEEN LOOKING AROUND FOR AN APPROPRIATE WOODEN GIFT AND AM PLEASED HEREBY TO PRESENT YOU WITH ELSIE FERGUSON'S PERFORMANCE IN HER NEW PLAY.  
*congratulatory telegram for George S. Kaufman's fifth wedding anniversary*  
 ▪ **Alexander Woollcott** 1887-1943 American writer: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 50 This fictional account of the day-by-day life of an English gamekeeper is still of considerable interest to outdoor-minded readers, as it contains many passages on pheasant raising, the apprehending of poachers, ways to control vermin, and other chores and duties of the professional gamekeeper. Unfortunately one is obliged to wade through many pages of extraneous material in order to discover and savour these sidelights on the management of a Midlands shooting estate, and in this reviewer's opinion this book cannot take the place of J. R. Miller's *Practical Gamekeeping*.  
*review of reissue of D. H. Lawrence Lady Chatterley's Lover*  
 ▪ **Ed Zern** 1910-94 American humorous writer: in *Field and Stream* November 1959



# Dance

I wish I could shimmy like my sister Kate, She shivers like the jelly on a plate.

**Armand J. Piron**

- 1 Dancing? Y-yes...dancing...I love... dancing...(It makes me look like a coma victim being stood up and zapped with a cattle prod).
  - **Jesse Armstrong and Sam Bain** 1971-British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2004), spoken by David Mitchell as Mark
- 2 I made the little buggers hop.  
*on conducting the Diaghilev Ballet*
  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879-1961 English conductor: attributed
- 3 *on dancing with another woman:*  
Stately as a galleon, I sail across the floor,  
Doing the Military Two-step, as in the days of yore...  
So gay the band,  
So giddy the sight,  
Full evening dress is a must,  
But the zest goes out of a beautiful waltz  
When you dance it bust to bust.
  - **Joyce Grenfell** 1910-79: 'Stately as a Galleon' (1978)
- 4 *on being asked whether the fashion for nudity would extend to dance:*  
No. You see there are portions of the human anatomy which would keep swinging after the music had finished.
  - **Robert Helpmann** 1909-86 Australian dancer: Elizabeth Salter Helpmann (1978)
- 5 GROUCHO MARX: I could dance with you till the cows come home. On second thoughts, I'd rather dance with the cows till you came home.
  - **Bert Kalmar** 1884-1947 and others screenwriters: *Duck Soup* (1933 film)
- 6 Cheek to Cheek  
Toes to Toes  
Here's a dance you can do on a dime  
Knees to Knees  
Nose to Nose  
Slowly move, and you're doin' 'The Slime'.
  - **Jerry Leiber** 1933-2011 American songwriter: 'The Slime' (1942)
- 7 Dancing is wonderful training for girls, it's the first way you learn to guess what a man is going to do before he does it.
  - **Christopher Morley** 1890-1957 American writer: Kitty Foyle (1939)
- 8 He waltzes like a Protestant curate.
  - **Kate O'Brien** 1897-1974 Irish novelist: *The Last of Summer* (1943)
- 9 I wish I could shimmy like my sister Kate, She shivers like the jelly on a plate.
  - **Armand J. Piron** 1888-1943 American jazz musician: 'Shimmy like Kate' (1919)
- 10 If the Louvre custodian can,  
If the Guard Republican can,  
If Van Gogh and Matisse and Cézanne can,  
Baby, you can can-can too.
  - **Cole Porter** 1891-1964 American songwriter: 'Can-Can' (1953)
- 11 [Dancing is] a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: in *New Statesman* 23 March 1962
- 12 'Can you dance?' said the girl. Lancelot gave a short, amused laugh. He was a man who never let his left hip know what his right hip was doing.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *Meet Mr Mulliner* (1927)



# Dating

see also **MARRIAGE, RELATIONSHIPS, ROMANCE**

I would worship the ground you walk on, Audrey, if you only lived in a better neighbourhood. **Billy Wilder**

- 1 *'Mrs Merton' to Debbie McGee:*  
But what first, Debbie, attracted you to millionaire Paul Daniels?  
▪ **Caroline Aherne** 1963– English comedian: *The Mrs Merton Show* (BBC TV)
- 2 *Niles notices Roz checking out a man:*  
NILES: Are you quite finished undressing him with your eyes?  
ROZ: Oh, please. I'm already looking for my stockings and trying to remember where I parked my car.  
▪ **David Angell** 1946–2001, **Peter Casey**, and **David Lee** American television producers: *Frasier* (NBC TV, 1996) 'A Crane's Critique', written by Dan Cohen and F.J. Pratt; spoken by David Hyde Pierce and Peri Gilpin
- 3 *of Woodrow Wilson:*  
When the President proposed to the second Mrs Wilson, she was so surprised that she fell out of bed.  
▪ **Anonymous**: anecdote, probably apocryphal; recalled by Anthony Howard in *Times* 1 April 2003
- 4 Tell me about yourself—your struggles, your dreams, your telephone number.  
▪ **Peter Arno** 1904–68 American cartoonist: attributed
- 5 Courtship to marriage, as a very witty prologue to a very dull play.  
▪ **William Congreve** 1670–1729 English dramatist: *The Old Bachelor* (1693)
- 6 I will not...sulk about having no boyfriend, but develop inner poise and authority and sense of self as woman of substance, complete *without* boyfriend, as best way to obtain boyfriend.  
▪ **Helen Fielding** 1958– British writer: *Bridget Jones's Diary* (1996)
- 7 A fine romance with no kisses.  
A fine romance, my friend, this is.  
We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes,  
But you're as cold as yesterday's mashed potatoes.  
▪ **Dorothy Fields** 1905–74 American songwriter: 'A Fine Romance' (1936 song)
- 8 On a plane...you can pick up more and better people than on any other public conveyance since the stagecoach.  
▪ **Anita Loos** 1893–1981 American writer: in *New York Times Biographical Service* 1973
- 9 In European countries, there are more princes than dentists.  
*on finding a suitable man*  
▪ **Tara Palmer-Tomkinson** 1971– English socialite: in *Sunday Times* 22 July 2012
- 10 When a girl marries she exchanges the attentions of many men for the inattention of one.  
▪ **Helen Rowland** 1875–1950 American writer: Evan Esar *The Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1949)
- 11 Whenever I date a guy, I think: Is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with?  
▪ **Rita Rudner** 1953– American comedienne and writer: attributed
- 12 Won't you come into the garden?  
I would like my roses to see you.  
▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: to a young lady; attributed
- 13 How can a bishop marry? How can he flirt? The most he can say is, 'I will see you in the vestry after service.'  
▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 14 An engagement should come on a young girl as a surprise, pleasant or unpleasant, as the case may be.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)



- 15 *when courting his future wife (whom he married in 1949):*  
I would worship the ground you walk on, Audrey, if you only lived in a better neighbourhood.
- **Billy Wilder** 1906–2002 American screenwriter and director: *M. Zolotow Billy Wilder in Hollywood* (1977)

- 16 All my friends started getting boyfriends. But I didn't want a boyfriend, I wanted a thirteen colour biro.
- **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: attributed

# Death

see also **EPITAPHS, FUNERALS, LAST WORDS, MURDER**

*Either he's dead, or my watch has stopped.*

**Groucho Marx**

- 1 It's not that I'm afraid to die. I just don't want to be there when it happens.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Death* (1975)
- 2 I don't want to achieve immortality through my work...I want to achieve it through not dying.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Eric Lax Woody Allen and his Comedy* (1975)
- 3 Death has got something to be said for it: There's no need to get out of bed for it; Wherever you may be, They bring it to you, free.
  - **Kingsley Amis** 1922–95 English novelist and poet: 'Delivery Guaranteed' (1979)
- 4 Regret to inform you Hand that rocked the cradle kicked the bucket.
  - **Anonymous**: reported telegram; in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 5 [Death is] nature's way of telling you to slow down.
  - **Anonymous**: American life insurance proverb, in *Newsweek* 25 April 1960
- 6 I want to die in my sleep like my grandfather...not screaming and yelling like the passengers in his car.
  - **Anonymous**: modern saying
- 7 Am I dying, or is this my birthday?  
*on seeing all her children assembled in her last illness*
  - **Nancy Astor** 1879–1964 American-born British Conservative politician: attributed
- 8 We met...Dr Hall in such very deep mourning that either his mother, his wife, or himself must be dead.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775–1817 English novelist: letter to Cassandra Austen, 17 May 1799
- 9 Even death is unreliable: instead of zero it may be some ghastly hallucination, such as the square root of minus one.
  - **Samuel Beckett** 1906–89 Irish dramatist, novelist, and poet: attributed
- 10 When I came back to Dublin, I was courtmartialled in my absence and sentenced to death in my absence, so I said they could shoot me in my absence.
  - **Brendan Behan** 1923–64 Irish dramatist: *Hostage* (1958)
- 11 When I am dead, I hope it may be said: 'His sins were scarlet, but his books were read.'
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870–1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'On His Books' (1923)
- 12 What I like about Clive  
Is that he is no longer alive.  
There is a great deal to be said  
For being dead.
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875–1956 English writer: 'Clive' (1905)
- 13 I believe in reincarnation, so I've left all my money to myself.
  - **Tony Blackburn** 1943– English disc jockey: in *The Oldie* May 2003



- 14 I saw that show 'Fifty Things To Do Before You Die'. I would have thought the obvious one was 'Shout For Help'.  
▪ **Jimmy Carr** 1972- Irish comedian: attributed
- 15 This parrot is no more! It has ceased to be! It's expired and gone to meet its maker! This is a late parrot! It's a stiff! Bereft of life it rests in peace — if you hadn't nailed it to the perch it would be pushing up the daisies! It's rung down the curtain and joined the choir invisible! THIS IS AN EX-PARROT!  
▪ **Graham Chapman** 1941-89, **John Cleese** 1939- , and **others** British comedians: *Monty Python's Flying Circus* (BBC TV programme, 1969)
- 16 Thou shalt not kill; but need'st not strive Officiously to keep alive.  
▪ **Arthur Hugh Clough** 1819-61 English poet: 'The Latest Decalogue' (1862)
- 17 I'm amazed he was such a good shot.  
*on being told that his accountant had blown his brains out*  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: in *Ned Sherrin's Theatrical Anecdotes* (1991)
- 18 I read the *Times* and if my name is not in the obits I proceed to enjoy the day.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: attributed
- 19 He'd make a lovely corpse.  
▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Martin Chuzzlewit* (1844)
- 20 Can I unmoved see thee dying  
On a log,  
Expiring frog!  
▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Pickwick Papers* (1837)
- 21 Take away that emblem of mortality.  
*on being offered an air cushion to sit on, 1881*  
▪ **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Robert Blake Disraeli* (1966)
- 22 When I die I want to decompose in a barrel of porter and have it served in all the pubs in Dublin. I wonder would they know it was me?  
▪ **J. P. Donleavy** 1926- Irish-American novelist: *Ginger Man* (1955)
- 23 Some of you may die, but that is a sacrifice I am willing to make.  
▪ **Ted Elliott and others** screenwriters: *Shrek* (2001 film), spoken by John Lithgow as Lord Farquaad
- 24 In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes.  
▪ **Benjamin Franklin** 1706-90 American politician, inventor, and scientist: letter to Jean Baptiste Le Roy, 13 November 1789
- 25 He makes a very handsome corpse and becomes his coffin prodigiously.  
▪ **Oliver Goldsmith** 1730-74 Irish writer: *The Good-Natured Man* (1768)
- 26 Billy, in one of his nice new sashes,  
Fell in the fire and was burnt to ashes;  
Now, although the room grows chilly,  
I haven't the heart to poke poor Billy.  
▪ **Harry Graham** 1874-1936 British writer and journalist: 'Tender-Heartedness' (1899)
- 27 Once you're dead, you're made for life.  
▪ **Jimi Hendrix** 1942-70 American rock musician: c.1968, attributed; *Nigel Rees Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 28 *during his last illness:*  
If Mr Selwyn calls again, show him up: if I am alive I shall be delighted to see him; and if I am dead he would like to see me.  
▪ **Lord Holland** 1705-74 English Whig politician: *J. H. Jesse George Selwyn and his Contemporaries* (1844)
- 29 I had an interest in death from an early age. It fascinated me. When I heard 'Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall,' I thought, 'Did he fall or was he pushed?'  
▪ **P. D. James** 1920-2014 English writer: in *Paris Review* 1995
- 30 But there, everything has its drawbacks, as the man said when his mother-in-law died, and they came down upon him for the funeral expenses.  
▪ **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: *Three Men in a Boat* (1889)
- 31 Depend upon it, Sir, when a man knows he is to be hanged in a fortnight,



- it concentrates his mind wonderfully.
- **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 19 September 1777
- 32 *ex-President Eisenhower's death prevented her photograph appearing on the cover of Newsweek:*  
Fourteen heart attacks and he had to die in my week. In MY week.
- **Janis Joplin** 1943–70 American singer: in *New Musical Express* 12 April 1969
- 33 *on how he would kill himself:*  
With kindness.
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889–1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 34 I detest life-insurance agents; they always argue that I shall some day die, which is not so.
- **Stephen Leacock** 1869–1944 Canadian humorist: *Literary Lapses* (1910)
- 35 Death is the most convenient time to tax rich people.
- **David Lloyd George** 1863–1945 British Liberal statesman: in *Lord Riddell's Intimate Diary of the Peace Conference and After, 1918–23* (1933)
- 36 Either he's dead, or my watch has stopped.
- **Groucho Marx** 1890–1977 American film comedian: in *A Day at the Races* (1937 film; script by Robert Pirosh, George Seaton, and George Oppenheimer)
- 37 Death and taxes and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them.
- **Margaret Mitchell** 1900–49 American novelist: *Gone with the Wind* (1936)
- 38 Jimmy Hoffa's most valuable contribution to the American labour movement came at the moment he stopped breathing—on July 30th, 1975.
- **Dan E. Moldea** American writer: *The Hoffa Wars* (1978)
- 39 One dies only once, and it's for such a long time!
- **Molière** 1622–73 French comic dramatist: *Le Dépit amoureux* (performed 1656, published 1662)
- 40 *on his deathbed, asked by an acquaintance how he was:*  
Hovering between wife and death.
- **James Montgomery** 1870–1943 Irish businessman and film censor: Ulick O'Connor Oliver St John Gogarty (1964)
- 41 *during the Boxer rising it was erroneously reported that those besieged in the Legation quarter of Peking, including the Times correspondent Dr Morrison, had been massacred. Morrison cabled the paper:*  
Have just read obituary in the Times. Kindly adjust pay to suit.
- **George Ernest Morrison** 1862–1920 Australian journalist: Claud Cockburn *In Time of Trouble* (1956); attributed
- 42 Drink and dance and laugh and lie  
Love, the reeling midnight through  
For tomorrow we shall die!  
(But, alas, we never do.)
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: 'The Flaw in Paganism' (1937)
- 43 *on being told by Robert Benchley that Calvin Coolidge had died:*  
How can they tell?
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: Ned Sherrin in *The Listener* 8 January 1987
- 44 Guns aren't lawful;  
Nooses give;  
Gas smells awful;  
You might as well live.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: 'Résumé' (1937)
- 45 Not louder shrieks to pitying heav'n are cast,  
When husbands or when lapdogs  
breathe their last.
- **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: *The Rape of the Lock* (1714)
- 46 'Don't think of it as dying,' said Death.  
'Just think of it as leaving early to avoid the rush.'
- **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 and **Neil Gaiman** 1960– English fantasy writers: *Good Omens* (1990)
- 47 Luca Brasi sleeps with the fishes.
- **Mario Puzo** 1920–99 American novelist: *The Godfather* (1972 film); spoken by Richard S. Castellano as Peter Clemenza



- 48 Next week, or next month, or next year I'll kill myself. But I might as well last out my month's rent, which has been paid up, and my credit for breakfast in the morning.
- **Jean Rhys** c.1890-1979 British novelist and short-story writer: *Good Morning, Midnight* (1967)
- 49 When I die sprinkle my ashes over the 80s.
- **Dave Lee Roth** 1955- American rock singer: attributed
- 50 Waldo is one of those people who would be enormously improved by death.
- **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Beasts and Super-Beasts* (1914)
- 51 Ain't it grand to be blooming well dead?
- **Leslie Sarony** 1897-1985 British songwriter: title of song (1932)
- 52 I read the obituaries every day just for the satisfaction of not seeing my name there.
- **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* (1970)
- 53 Death is always a great pity of course but it's not as though the alternative were immortality.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Jumpers* (rev. ed. 1986)
- 54 Early to rise and early to bed makes a male healthy and wealthy and dead.
- **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: 'The Shrike and the Chipmunks'; in *New Yorker* 18 February 1939
- 55 He was just teaching me my death duties.
- on her deathbed, having been visited by her solicitor to put her affairs in order*
- **Lady Tree** 1863-1937 English actress: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 56 *after his obituary appeared prematurely:*  
The report of my death was an exaggeration.
- usually quoted as, 'Reports of my death have been greatly exaggerated'*
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: in *New York Journal* 2 June 1897
- 57 I refused to attend his funeral, but I wrote a very nice letter explaining that I approved of it.
- on hearing of the death of a corrupt politician*
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: James Munson (ed.) *The Sayings of Mark Twain* (1992)
- 58 Death is very sophisticated. It's like a Noel Coward comedy. You light a cigarette and wait for it in the library.
- **Theadora Van Runkle** 1928-2011 American costume designer: attributed, in *Viva* April 1974
- 59 *of Truman Capote's death:*  
Good career move.
- **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: attributed
- 60 Just think who we'd have been seen dead with!
- on discovery that her name, with Noël Coward's, had been on the Nazi blacklist for arrest and probable execution*
- **Rebecca West** 1892-1983 English novelist and journalist: postcard to Noël Coward, 1945
- 61 *at the mention of a huge fee for a surgical operation:*  
Ah, well, then, I suppose that I shall have to die beyond my means.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: R. H. Sherard *Life of Oscar Wilde* (1906)
- 62 *of the wallpaper in the room where he was dying:*  
One of us must go.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: attributed, probably apocryphal



# Debt

see also **MONEY, POVERTY**

If I hadn't my debts I shouldn't have anything to think about. **Oscar Wilde**

- 1 *on Allied war debts:*  
They hired the money, didn't they?  
▪ **Calvin Coolidge** 1872-1933 American Republican statesman: John H. McKee *Coolidge: Wit and Wisdom* (1933)
- 2 Any further letters and I shall remove my overdraft.  
*telegram, c.1959, to his bankers, who had become alarmed at his expensive undergraduate lifestyle*  
▪ **Bobby Corbett** 1940-99: in his obituary, *Daily Telegraph* 13 March 1999
- 3 Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure nineteen nineteen six, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pounds ought and six, result misery.  
▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *David Copperfield* (1850)
- 4 Good news rarely comes in a brown envelope.  
▪ **Henry D'Avigdor Goldsmid** 1909-76 British businessman and Conservative politician: John Betjeman, letter to Tom Driberg, 21 July 1976
- 5 [My father] taught me two things about bills; always query them and never pay till you have no alternative.  
▪ **Miles Kington** 1941-2008 English humorist: *Welcome to Kington* (1989)
- 6 In the midst of life we are in debt.  
▪ **Ethel Watts Mumford** 1878-1940 American humorist: *Altogether New Cynic's Calendar* (1907, with Addison Mizner and Oliver Herford)
- 7 If the spoken word is repeated often enough, it is eventually written and thus made permanent...Many a decent man who has written a bad cheque knows the truth of that.  
▪ **Flann O'Brien** 1911-66 Irish novelist and journalist: *Myles Away from Dublin* (1990)
- 8 I feel these days like a very large flamingo. No matter what way I turn, there is always a very large bill.  
▪ **Joseph O'Connor** 1963- Irish novelist: *The Secret World of the Irish Male* (1994)
- 9 The National Debt is a very Good Thing and it would be dangerous to pay it off, for fear of Political Economy.  
▪ **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)
- 10 If I hadn't my debts I shouldn't have anything to think about.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)



# Definitions

Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad. **Miles Kington**

1 *definition of an acquaintance:*

A person whom we know well enough to borrow from, but not well enough to lend to.

- **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Cynic's Word Book* (1906)

2 A pianoforte is a harp in a box.

- **Leigh Hunt** 1784–1859 English poet and essayist: *The Seer* (1840)

3 What is originality? Undetected plagiarism.

- **William Ralph Inge** 1860–1954 English writer: *Labels and Libels* (1929)

4 Discretion is the polite word for hypocrisy.

*view from the centre of the 1963 Profumo Scandal*

- **Christine Keeler** 1942– English model and showgirl: attributed

5 Doorman: a genius who can open the door of your car with one hand, help you in with the other and still have one left for the tip.

- **Dorothy Kilgallen** 1913–65 American journalist: attributed, 1950

6 Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit; Wisdom is not putting it in a

fruit salad.

- **Miles Kington** 1941–2008 English humorist: in *Independent* 28 March 2003

7 A gossip is one who talks to you about others; a bore is one who talks to you about himself; and a brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.

- **Lisa Kirk** 1925–90 American actress and singer: in *New York Journal-American* 9 March 1954

8 Do you know the difference between involvement and commitment? Think of ham and eggs. The chicken is involved. The pig is committed.

- **Martina Navratilova** 1956– Czech-born American tennis player: in *Newsweek* 6 September 1982

9 Being powerful is like being a lady—if you have to tell people you are, you aren't.

- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925–2013 British Conservative stateswoman: attributed; originally said by American trade unionist Jesse Carr, in *Newsweek* 27 September 1976, but now more commonly associated with Thatcher

# Democracy

see also **GOVERNMENT, POLITICS**

Hell, I never vote for anybody. I always vote against. **W. C. Fields**

1 Democracy means government by discussion, but it is only effective if you can stop people talking.

- **Clement Attlee** 1883–1967 British Labour statesman: speech at Oxford, 14 June 1957

2 Democracy must be something more than two wolves and a sheep voting on what to have for dinner.

- **James Bovard** 1956– American writer: *Lost Rights* (1994)



- 3 A majority is always the best repartee.
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Tancred* (1847)
- 4 Hell, I never vote *for* anybody. I always vote *against*.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: Robert Lewis Taylor *W. C. Fields* (1950)
- 5 Democracy is the name we give the people whenever we need them.
  - **Robert, Marquis de Flers** 1872–1927 and **Armand de Caillavet** 1869–1915 French dramatists: *L'habit vert* (1913)
- 6 I always voted at my party's call, And I never thought of thinking for myself at all.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *HMS Pinafore* (1878)
- 7 *on John F. Kennedy's electoral victory in Wisconsin:*  
A triumph for democracy. It proves that a millionaire has just as good a chance as anybody else.
  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: TV programme (1960); William Robert Faith *Bob Hope* (1983)
- 8 Democracy is the theory that the common people know what they want, and deserve to get it good and hard.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *A Little Book in C major* (1916)
- 9 Under democracy one party always devotes its energies to trying to prove that the other party is unfit to rule—and both commonly succeed and are right.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)
- 10 Every government is a parliament of whores. The trouble is, in a democracy the whores are us.
  - **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Parliament of Whores* (1991)
- 11 All animals are equal but some animals are more equal than others.
  - **George Orwell** 1903–50 English novelist: *Animal Farm* (1945)
- 12 *on the death of a supporter of Proportional Representation:*  
He has joined what even he would admit to be the majority.
  - **John Sparrow** 1906–92 English academic: J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981)
- 13 It's not the voting that's democracy, it's the counting.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Jumpers* (1972)
- 14 Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time.
  - **E. B. White** 1899–1985 American humorist: in *New Yorker* 3 July 1944
- 15 Democracy means simply the bludgeoning of the people by the people for the people.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Sebastian Melmoth* (1891)
- 16 *a voter canvassed by Wilkes had declared that he would sooner vote for the devil:*  
And if your friend is not standing?
  - **John Wilkes** 1727–97 English parliamentary reformer: Raymond Postgate 'That Devil Wilkes' (1956 rev. ed.)

# Depression

Noble deeds and hot baths are the best cures for depression. **Dodie Smith**

- 1 Dr Sillitoes's got him on tablets for depression...A lot of better-class people get it apparently.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Enjoy* (1980)
- 2 He's really turned his life around. He used to be depressed and miserable. Now he's miserable and depressed.
  - **David Frost** 1939–2013 English broadcaster and writer: on TV-AM, 1984



3 Noble deeds and hot baths are the best cures for depression.

- **Dodie Smith** 1896-1990 English novelist and dramatist: *I Capture the Castle* (1949)

4 Depression is melancholy minus its charms.

- **Susan Sontag** 1933-2004 American writer: *Illness as Metaphor* (1978)

5 Depression is merely anger without enthusiasm.

- **Steven Wright** 1955- American comedian: attributed

## Description

His smile bathed us like warm custard.

**Basil Boothroyd**

1 Though I yield to no one in my admiration for Mr Coolidge, I do wish he did not look as if he had been weaned on a pickle.

- **Anonymous**: remark recorded in Alice Roosevelt Longworth *Crowded Hours* (1933)

2 after a party given by Dorothy Parker: The less I behave like Whistler's Mother the night before, the more I look like her the morning after.

- **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)

3 About as cuddly as a cornered ferret.

- of *Anne Robinson*
- **Lynn Barber** 1944- English journalist: in *Times* 27 October 2001

4 His smile bathed us like warm custard.

- **Basil Boothroyd** 1910-88 English writer: *Let's Move House* (1977)

5 A high altar on the move.

- of *Edith Sitwell*
- **Elizabeth Bowen** 1899-1973 Anglo-Irish writer: V. Glendinning *Edith Sitwell* (1981)

6 Damn description, it is always disgusting.

- **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: letter 6 August 1809

7 What can you do with a man who looks like a female llama surprised when bathing?

of *Charles de Gaulle*

- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: in conversation, c.1944; David Fraser *Alanbrooke* (1982)

8 Like the silver plate on a coffin.

- describing *Robert Peel's smile*
- **John Philpot Curran** 1750-1817 Irish judge: quoted by Daniel O'Connell, House of Commons 26 February 1835

9 A day away from Tallulah is like a month in the country.

- **Howard Dietz** 1896-1983 American songwriter: *Dancing in the Dark* (1974)

10 of *Arnold Schwarzenegger*: I once described him as looking like a brown condom full of walnuts.

- **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: in *Daily Mail* 20 August 2003

11 A man who so much resembled a Baked Alaska—sweet, warm and gungy on the outside, hard and cold within.

of *C. P. Snow*

- **Francis King** 1923- British writer: *Yesterday Came Suddenly* (1993)

12 His appearance with his large features and rich mane of hair suggested the attempt of some archaic sculptor only acquainted with sheep to achieve a lion by hearsay.

- **Osbert Lancaster** 1908-86 English writer and cartoonist: *All Done From Memory* (1953)

13 [He looks like] an explosion in a pubic hair factory.

of *Paul Johnson*

- **Jonathan Miller** 1934- English writer and director: Alan Watkins *Brief Lives* (1982)



- 14 Her face showed the kind of ferocious disbelief with which Goneril must have taken the news that her difficult old father King Lear had decided to retire and move in with her.
  - **Frank Muir** 1920–98 English writer and broadcaster: *The Walpole Orange* (1993)
- 15 Rudyard Kipling's eyebrows are very odd indeed! They curl up black and furious like the moustache of a Neapolitan tenor.
  - **Harold Nicolson** 1886–1968 English diplomat, politician, and writer: diary 8 January 1930
- 16 A rose-red sissy half as old as time.
  - **William Plomer** 1903–73 South African poet and novelist: 'Playboy of the Demi-World: 1938' (1945)
- 17 She fitted into my biggest armchair as if it had been built round her by someone who knew they were wearing armchairs tight about the hips that season.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: *My Man Jeeves* (1919)
- 18 Roderick Spode? Big chap with a small moustache and the sort of eye that can open an oyster at sixty paces?
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: *The Code of the Woosters* (1938)

## Despair see HOPE AND DESPAIR

# Diaries

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I always say, keep a diary and some day it'll keep you. **Mae West**

- 1 A page of my Journal is like a cake of portable soup. A little may be diffused into a considerable portion.
  - **James Boswell** 1740–95 Scottish lawyer: *Journal of a Tour to the Hebrides* (1785)
- 2 What is more dull than a discreet diary? One might just as well have a discreet soul.
  - **Chips Channon** 1897–1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary, 26 July 1935
- 3 To write a diary every day is like returning to one's own vomit.
  - **Enoch Powell** 1912–98 British Conservative politician: interview in *Sunday Times* 6 November 1977
- 4 I have decided to keep a full journal, in the hope that my life will perhaps seem more interesting when it is written down.
  - **Sue Townsend** 1946–2014 English writer: *Adrian Mole: The Wilderness Years* (1993)
- 5 I always say, keep a diary and some day it'll keep you.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: *Every Day's a Holiday* (1937 film)
- 6 I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)



# Dictionaries

Defining what is unknown in terms of something equally unknown. **Flann O'Brien**

- 1 Big dictionaries are nothing but storerooms with infrequently visited and dusty corners.
  - **Richard W. Bailey** 1939–2011 American lexicographer: *Images of English* (1991)
- 2 Like Webster's Dictionary, we're Morocco bound.
  - **Johnny Burke** 1908–64 American songwriter: *The Road to Morocco* (1942 film), title song
- 3 The greatest masterpiece in literature is only a dictionary out of order.
  - **Jean Cocteau** 1889–1963 French dramatist and film director: attributed
- 4 Short dictionaries should be improved because they are intended for people who actually need help.
  - **William Empson** 1906–84 English poet and literary critic: attributed
- 5 *Lexicographer*. A writer of dictionaries, a harmless drudge.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755)
- 6 *of his coinage of the phrase 'life's rich pageant':* The compilers of *The Oxford Dictionary of Quotations*...have finally decided that the phrase, such as it is, was my own invention and it is to be credited to me. Let me assure you that this small feather in my cap has not gone, so to speak, to my head.
  - **Arthur Marshall** 1910–89 British journalist: *Life's Rich Pageant* (1984)
- 7 A bad business, opening dictionaries; a thing I very rarely do. I try to make it a rule never to open my mouth, dictionaries, or hucksters' shops.
  - **Flann O'Brien** 1911–66 Irish novelist and journalist: *The Best of Myles* (1968)
- 8 *on dictionaries:* Defining what is unknown in terms of something equally unknown.
  - **Flann O'Brien** 1911–66 Irish novelist and journalist: *Myles Away from Dublin* (1990)
- 9 I've been in *Who's Who*, and I know what's what, but it'll be the first time I ever made the dictionary.
  - *on having an inflatable life jacket named after her*
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American actress: letter to the RAF, early 1940s

# Diets

You die of a heart attack but so what? You die thin. **Bob Geldof**

- 1 The only time to eat diet food is while you're waiting for the steak to cook.
  - **Julia Child** 1912–2004 American cook: attributed
- 2 Give me a dozen heart-breaks like that if you think it would help me lose one pound.
  - **Colette** 1873–1954 French novelist: *Cheri* (1920)
- 3 I'm on a whisky diet. I've lost three days already.
  - **Tommy Cooper** 1921–84 British comedian: attributed
- 4 So far I've always kept my diet secret but now I might as well tell everyone what it is...Lots of grapefruit throughout the day and plenty of



virile young men.

- **Angie Dickinson** 1931– American actress: in *Daily Mirror* 1 October 1985; see *comebacks* 12

5 You die of a heart attack but so what? You die thin.

*on the Atkins diet*

- **Bob Geldof** 1954– Irish rock musician: in *Independent* 23 August 2003

6 I'm of the pie-eaters' liberation front. I'm fat and proud to be fat.

- **Boris Johnson** 1964– British Conservative politician: at the Conservative party conference; in *Independent* 5 October 2006

7 A great many people in Los Angeles are on strict diets that restrict their intake of synthetic foods. The reason for this seems to be the widely held belief that organically grown fruits and vegetables make the cocaine work faster.

- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Social Studies* (1982)

8 Life, if you're fat, is a minefield—you

have to pick your way, otherwise you blow up.

- **Miriam Margolyes** 1941– British-born actress: in *Observer* 9 June 1991

9 Is Elizabeth Taylor fat? Her favourite food is seconds.

- **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: attributed

10 EDINA: You are what you eat remember, darling.

SAFFY: Which would make you a large vegetarian tart.

- **Jennifer Saunders** 1958– English actress and writer: *Absolutely Fabulous* (BBC1 TV, 1993) 'Birthday'

11 Little snax,  
Bigger slax.

- **Ruth S. Schenley** American writer: attributed; Michèle Brown and Ann O'Connor *Hammer and Tongues* (1986)

12 Free your mind, and your bottom will follow.

- **Sarah, Duchess of York** 1959– : slimming advice, 2001

# Diplomacy

see also **POLITICS**

Forever poised between a cliché and an indiscretion. **Harold Macmillan**

1 *on the Council of Europe:*

If you open that Pandora's Box, you never know what Trojan 'orses will jump out.

- **Ernest Bevin** 1881–1951 British Labour politician and trade unionist: Roderick Barclay *Ernest Bevin and the Foreign Office* (1975)

2 We exchanged many frank words in our respective languages.

- **Peter Cook** 1937–95 English satirist and actor: *Beyond the Fringe* (1961 revue)

3 American *diplomacy*. It's like watching somebody trying to do joinery with a chainsaw.

- **James Hamilton-Paterson** 1941– English writer: *Griefwork* (1993)

4 Kissinger brought peace to Vietnam the same way Napoleon brought peace to Europe: by losing.

- **Joseph Heller** 1923–99 American novelist: *Good as Gold* (1979)

5 Diplomacy—lying in state.

- **Oliver Herford** 1863–1935 English-born American humorist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)

6 There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full.

- **Henry Kissinger** 1923– American politician: in *New York Times Magazine* 1 June 1969

7 The great nations have always acted like gangsters, and the small nations



- like prostitutes.
- **Stanley Kubrick** 1928–99 American film director: in *Guardian* 5 June 1963
- 8 *on the life of a Foreign Secretary:*  
Forever poised between a cliché and an indiscretion.
- **Harold Macmillan** 1894–1986 British Conservative statesman: in *Newsweek* 30 April 1956
- 9 I liken the French/British relationship to a very old married couple who often think of killing each other but would never dream of divorce.  
*on the revelation that in 1956 the French Prime Minister Guy Mollet suggested to Anthony Eden a union between the United Kingdom and France*
- **Denis MacShane** 1948– British Labour politician: in *Times* (online edition) 15 January 2007
- 10 The French are masters of ‘the dog ate my homework’ school of diplomatic relations.
- **P. J. O’Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Holidays in Hell* (1988)
- 11 Lord Palmerston, with characteristic levity had once said that only three men in Europe had ever understood [the Schleswig-Holstein question], and of these the Prince Consort was dead, a Danish statesman (unnamed) was in an asylum, and he himself had forgotten it.
- **Lord Palmerston** 1784–1865 British statesman: R. W. Seton-Watson *Britain in Europe 1789–1914* (1937)
- 12 The chief distinction of a diplomat is that he can say no in such a way that
- it sounds like yes.
- **Lester Bowles Pearson** 1897–1972 Canadian statesman: Geoffrey Pearson *Seize the Day* (1993)
- 13 In return for a handsomely bound facsimile of Palestrina’s music, the Vicar of God was rewarded with a signed photograph of the Grocer and a gramophone record of himself conducting an orchestra.  
*of a meeting between the Pope and Edward Heath*
- **Nicholas Shakespeare** 1957– British writer: in *The Spectator* 19/26 December 1992
- 14 There is a story that when Mrs Thatcher first met Gorbachev he gave her a ball-point and she offered him Labour-voting Scotland.
- **Nicholas Shakespeare** 1957– British writer: in *The Spectator* 19/26 December 1992
- 15 A diplomat...is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip.
- **Caskie Stinnett** 1911–98 American writer: *Out of the Red* (1960) ch. 4
- 16 A diplomat these days is nothing but a head-waiter who’s allowed to sit down occasionally.
- **Peter Ustinov** 1921–2004 British actor, director, and writer: *Romanoff and Juliet* (1956)
- 17 An ambassador is an honest man sent to lie abroad for the good of his country.
- **Henry Wotton** 1568–1639 English poet and diplomat: written in the album of Christopher Fleckmore in 1604

**Discontent** *see* **SATISFACTION AND DISCONTENT**



# Divorce

see also **MARRIAGE**

Love the quest; marriage the conquest; divorce the inquest. **Helen Rowland**

- 1 It was partially my fault that we got divorced...I tended to place my wife under a pedestal.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: 'I Had a Rough Marriage' (monologue, 1964)
- 2 Your experience will be a lesson to all us men to be careful not to marry ladies in very high positions.
 

*to Lord Snowdon on the break-up of his marriage to Princess Margaret*

  - **Idi Amin** 1925-2003 Ugandan president: attributed; Nigel Rees Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations (1999)
- 3 The husband was a teetotaller, there was no other woman, and the conduct complained of was that he had drifted into the habit of winding up every meal by taking out his false teeth and hurling them at his wife.
  - **Arthur Conan Doyle** 1859-1930 Scottish-born writer: *The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes* (1892) 'A Case of Identity'
- 4 He taught me housekeeping; when I divorce I keep the house.
  - **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917- Hungarian-born film actress: of her fifth husband; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 5 I don't think I'll get married again. I'll just find a woman I don't like and give her a house.
  - **Lewis Grizzard** 1946-94 American humorous writer: attributed
- 6 A TV host asked my wife, 'Have you ever considered divorce?' She replied: 'Divorce never, murder often.'
  - **Charlton Heston** 1924-2008 American actor: in *Independent* 21 July 1999
- 7 *on how he and his wife managed to stay married for 33 years:*  
Well, we never wanted to get divorced at the same time.
  - **Bruce Paltrow** 1943-2002 American film producer: in *Daily Mail* 2 May 2013
- 8 Love the quest; marriage the conquest; divorce the inquest.
  - **Helen Rowland** 1875-1950 American writer: *Reflections of a Bachelor Girl* (1909)
- 9 Don't get mad, get everything.
 

*advice to wronged wives*

  - **Ivana Trump** 1949- Czech former wife of Donald Trump: spoken in *The First Wives Club* (film, 1996)

**Dogs** see **CATS AND DOGS**

**Doubt** see **CERTAINTY AND DOUBT**

**Dreams** see **SLEEP AND DREAMS**



# Dress

She wears her clothes, as if they were thrown on her with a pitchfork.

Jonathan Swift

- 1 If my jeans could talk they'd plead for mercy.
  - **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: *The Joys of Ageing—And How to Avoid Them* (1981)
- 2 to Sir Frederick Ponsonby, who had proposed accompanying him in a tail-coat:  
I thought everyone must know that a short jacket is always worn with a silk hat at a private view in the morning.
  - **Edward VII** 1841-1910 British king: Philip Magnus Edward VII (1964)
- 3 when Lord Harris appeared at Ascot in a brown bowler:  
Goin' rattin', 'Arris?
  - **Edward VII** 1841-1910 British king: Michael Hill *Right Royal Remarks* (2003)
- 4 When he buys his ties he has to ask if gin will make them run.
  - **F. Scott Fitzgerald** 1896-1940 American novelist: *Notebooks* (1978)
- 5 Dame Edna to Judy Steel:  
Tell me the history of that frock, Judy. It's obviously an old favourite. You were wise to remove the curtain rings.
  - **Barry Humphries** 1934- Australian actor and writer: *Another Audience with Dame Edna* (TV, 1984); Nigel Rees (ed.) *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 6 You should never have your best trousers on when you go out to fight for freedom and truth.
  - **Henrik Ibsen** 1828-1906 Norwegian dramatist: *An Enemy of the People* (1882)
- 7 A silk dress in four sections, and shoes with high heels that would have broken the heart of John Calvin.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: *Arcadian Adventures with the Idle Rich* (1914)
- 8 My little rebellion was to have my tie loose, with the top button of my shirt undone, but Paul'd always come up to me and put it straight.
  - **John Lennon** 1940-80 English pop singer and songwriter: *John Lennon: in His Own Words* (1980)
- 9 when a waiter at Buckingham Palace spilled soup on her dress:  
Never darken my Dior again!
  - **Beatrice Lillie** 1894-1989 Canadian-born comedienne: *Every Other Inch a Lady* (1973)
- 10 A woman's dress should be like a barbed wire fence: serving its purpose without obstructing the view.
  - **Sophia Loren** 1934- Italian actress: in *Mail on Sunday* 30 March 2003
- 11 There is something silly about a man who wears a white suit all the time, especially in New York.
 

of Tom Wolfe

  - **Norman Mailer** 1923-2007 American novelist and essayist: in *Smart* August 1989
- 12 of 'Fred Fernackerpan, a Mystery Goblin', who walked about the town with his trousers deployed à la Grand Old Duke of York:  
And when they were up they were up  
And when they were down they were down  
And when they were only half way up  
He was arrested.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: Alexander Games *The Essential Spike Milligan* (2002)
- 13 on being asked what she wore in bed:  
Chanel No. 5.
  - **Marilyn Monroe** 1926-62 American actress: Pete Martin *Marilyn Monroe* (1956)
- 14 The officers of this branch of the Force [the Obscene Publications Squad at Scotland Yard] have a discouraging club tie, on which a book is depicted being cut in half by a larger pair of scissors.
  - **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: *Clinging to the Wreckage* (1982)



- 15 There was a young belle of old Natchez  
Whose garments were always in patchez.  
When comment arose  
On the state of her clothes,  
She drawled, When Ah itchez,  
Ah scratchez.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist:  
'Requiem' (1938)
- 16 The only really firm rule of taste  
about cross dressing is that neither  
sex should ever wear anything they  
haven't yet figured out how to go to  
the bathroom in.  
▪ **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous  
writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)
- 17 Fur is a subject that makes sensitive toes  
curl in their leather shoes.  
*introducing a discussion on fur coats*  
▪ **Jeremy Paxman** 1950- British journalist  
and broadcaster: in *Mail on Sunday*  
13 February 2000 'Quotes of the Week'
- 18 My wife liked the costume. She asked  
me to bring it home.  
*on his costume as Achilles in the film Troy*  
▪ **Brad Pitt** 1963- American actor: in CBS  
News (online ed.) 14 May 2004
- 19 A dress has no meaning unless it makes  
a man want to take it off.  
▪ **Françoise Sagan** 1935-2004 French novelist:  
in *Observer* 14 December 1969
- 20 We know Jesus can't have been English.  
He is always wearing sandals, but never  
with socks.  
▪ **Linda Smith** 1958-2006 British comedian:  
in *Independent* 25 August 1994
- 21 She wears her clothes, as if they were  
thrown on her with a pitchfork.  
▪ **Jonathan Swift** 1667-1745 Irish poet and  
satirist: *Polite Conversation* (1738)
- 22 She wore far too much rouge last night,  
and not quite enough clothes. That is  
always a sign of despair in a woman.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and  
poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)

## Drink

see also **CHAMPAGNE, DRUNKENNESS, WINE**

Some weasel took the cork out of my lunch. **W. C. Fields**

- 1 Let's get out of these wet clothes and  
into a dry Martini.  
▪ **Anonymous**: line coined in the 1920s by  
Robert Benchley's press agent and adopted  
by Mae West in *Every Day's a Holiday* (1937  
film)
- 2 Alcohol doesn't solve any problems...  
but then again, neither does milk.  
▪ **Anonymous**: modern saying
- 3 Only Irish coffee provides in a single  
glass all essential food groups—alcohol,  
caffeine, sugar and fat.  
▪ **Anonymous**: modern saying
- 4 One reason why I don't drink is because  
I wish to know when I am having a  
good time.  
▪ **Nancy Astor** 1879-1964 American-born  
British Conservative politician: in *Christian  
Herald* June 1960
- 5 At Dirty Dick's and Sloppy Joe's  
We drank our liquor straight,  
Some went upstairs with Margery,  
And some, alas, with Kate.  
▪ **W. H. Auden** 1907-73 English poet: 'The  
Sea and the Mirror' (1944)
- 6 I saw a notice which said 'Drink Canada  
Dry' and I've just started.  
▪ **Brendan Behan** 1923-64 Irish dramatist:  
attributed (probably not original); Nigel  
Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous  
Quotations* (1999)
- 7 on being told that the particular drink he was  
consuming was slow poison:  
So who's in a hurry?  
▪ **Robert Benchley** 1889-1945 American  
humorist: Nathaniel Benchley *Robert  
Benchley* (1955)



- 8 Often Daddy sat up very late working on a case of Scotch.
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889-1945 American humorist: *Pluck and Luck* (1925)
- 9 I have taken more out of alcohol than alcohol has taken out of me.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: *Quentin Reynolds By Quentin Reynolds* (1964)
- 10 on being invited by a friend to dine at a Middle Eastern restaurant:  
The aftertaste of foreign food spoils the clean, pure flavour of gin for hours.
  - **Eddie Condon** 1905-73 American jazz musician: *Bill Crow Jazz Anecdotes* (1990)
- 11 when seriously ill and given a blood transfusion:  
This must be Fats Waller's blood. I'm getting high.
  - **Eddie Condon** 1905-73 American jazz musician: *Bill Crow Jazz Anecdotes* (1990)
- 12 Sure I eat what I advertise. Sure I eat Wheaties for breakfast. A good bowl of Wheaties with Bourbon can't be beat.
  - **Dizzy Dean** 1910-74 American baseball player: in *Guardian* 23 December 1978
- 13 I understand that absinthe makes the tart grow fonder.
  - **Ernest Dowson** 1867-1900 English poet: letter to Arthur Moore, February 1889
- 14 There is wan thing, an' on'y wan thing, to be said in favour iv dhrink, an' that is that it has caused manny a lady to be loved that otherwise might've died single.
  - **Finley Peter Dunne** 1867-1936 American humorous writer: *Mr. Dooley Says* (1910)
- 15 A man shouldn't fool with booze until he's fifty; then he's a damn fool if he doesn't.
  - **William Faulkner** 1897-1962 American novelist: James M. Webb and A. Wigfall *Green William Faulkner of Oxford* (1965)
- 16 Some weasel took the cork out of my lunch.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: *You Can't Cheat an Honest Man* (1939 film)
- 17 I always keep a supply of stimulant handy in case I see a snake—which I also keep handy.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: *Corey Ford Time of Laughter* (1970); attributed
- 18 A woman drove me to drink and I never even had the courtesy to thank her.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: attributed
- 19 Best while you have it use your breath, There is no drinking after death.
  - **John Fletcher** 1579-1625 English dramatist: *The Bloody Brother, or Rollo Duke of Normandy* (with Ben Jonson and others, performed c.1616)
- 20 Maybe alcohol picks you up a little bit, but it sure lets you down in a hurry.
  - **Betty Ford** 1918-2011 American First Lady: attributed; *Frank S. Pepper 20th Century Quotations* (1984)
- 21 There is no such thing as a small whisky.
  - **Oliver St John Gogarty** 1878-1957 Irish writer and surgeon: attributed
- 22 To alcohol! The cause of...and solution to...all of life's problems.  
*Homer Simpson*
  - **Matt Groening** 1954- American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* 'Homer vs. the Eighteenth Amendment' (1997) written by John Swartzwelder
- 23 The House of Lords is sitting in its judicial capacity this afternoon, and while I may be drunk as a lord I must be sober as a judge.  
*refusing another drink from the political journalist Robin Oakley*
  - **Lord Hailsham** 1907-2001 British Conservative politician: anecdote; in *Spectator* 5 April 2003
- 24 I went out with a guy who once told me I didn't need to drink to make myself more fun to be around. I told him, I'm drinking so that you're more fun to be around.
  - **Chelsea Handler** 1975- American comedienne and writer: attributed
- 25 We drink one another's healths, and spoil our own.
  - **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: *Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow* (1886)



- 26 Claret is the liquor for boys; port, for men; but he who aspires to be a hero (smiling) must drink brandy.
- **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 7 April 1779
- 27 When I makes tea I makes tea, as old mother Grogan said. And when I makes water I makes water...*Begob, ma'am*, says Mrs Cahill, *God send you don't make them in the one pot*.
- **James Joyce** 1882–1941 Irish novelist: *Ulysses* (1922)
- 28 The Lord above made liquor for temptation  
To see if man could turn away from sin.  
The Lord above made liquor for temptation—but  
With a little bit of luck,  
With a little bit of luck,  
When temptation comes you'll give right in!
- **Alan Jay Lerner** 1918–86 American songwriter: 'With a Little Bit of Luck' (1956)
- 29 I don't drink liquor. I don't like it. It makes me feel good.
- **Oscar Levant** 1906–72 American pianist: in *Time* 5 May 1958
- 30 I distrust camels, and anyone else who can go a week without a drink.
- **Joe E. Lewis** 1902–71 American comedian: attributed
- 31 Heineken refreshes the parts other beers cannot reach.
- **Terry Lovelock**: slogan for Heineken lager, 1975 onwards
- 32 Love makes the world go round? Not at all. Whisky makes it go round twice as fast.
- **Compton Mackenzie** 1883–1972 English novelist: *Whisky Galore* (1947)
- 33 Prohibition makes you want to cry into your beer and denies you the beer to cry into.
- **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet and journalist: *Sun Dial Time* (1936)
- 34 I'd hate to be a teetotaller. Imagine getting up in the morning and knowing that's as good as you're going to feel all day.
- **Dean Martin** 1917–95 American singer and actor: attributed; also attributed to Jimmy Durante and Frank Sinatra
- 35 I'm ombibulous. I drink every known alcoholic drink, and enjoy them all.
- **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: attributed
- 36 Candy  
Is dandy  
But liquor  
Is quicker.
- **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: 'Reflections on Ice-breaking' (1931)
- 37 I'll take a lemonade!...In a dirty glass!
- **Norman Panama** 1914–2003 and **Melvin Frank** 1913–88 screenwriters: in *Road to Utopia* (1946 film; words spoken by Bob Hope)
- 38 So make it another old-fashioned, please.  
Leave out the cherry,  
Leave out the orange,  
Leave out the bitters,  
Just make it a straight rye!
- **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: 'Make it Another Old-Fashioned, Please' (1940)
- 39 Look here, Steward, if this is coffee, I want tea; but if this is tea, then I wish for coffee.
- **Punch** 1841–1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 123 (1902)
- 40 And the sooner the tea's out of the way, the sooner we can get out the gin, eh?
- **Henry Reed** 1914–86 English poet and dramatist: *Private Life of Hilda Tablet* (1954 radio play)
- 41 PORTER: Drink, sir, is a great provoker of three things.  
MACDUFF: What three things does drink especially provoke?  
PORTER: Marry, sir, nose-painting, sleep, and urine. Lechery, sir, it provokes, and unprovokes; it provokes the desire, but it takes away the performance.
- **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *Macbeth* (1606)



- 42 I'm only a beer teetotaller, not a champagne teetotaller.  
 ▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Candida* (1898)
- 43 Alcohol...enables Parliament to do things at eleven at night that no sane person would do at eleven in the morning.  
 ▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Major Barbara* (1907)
- 44 Gin was mother's milk to her.  
 ▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Pygmalion* (1916)
- 45 A bumper of good liquor  
 Will end a contest quicker  
 Than justice, judge, or vicar.  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Duenna* (1775)
- 46 *when told that drinking would ruin the coat of his stomach:*  
 Then my stomach must digest its waistcoat.  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: in *Sheridaniana* (1826)
- 47 First the man takes a drink,  
 Then the drink takes a drink,  
 Then the drink takes the man!  
 ▪ **Edward Rowland Sill** 1841-87 American educator and writer: 'An Adage from the Orient' (1883)
- 48 Is that bottle just going to sit up there or are you going to turn it into a lamp?  
 ▪ **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* (1970)
- 49 There are two things that will be believed of any man whatsoever, and one of them is that he has taken to drink.  
 ▪ **Booth Tarkington** 1869-1946 American novelist: *Penrod* (1914)
- 50 *of Edvard Grieg:*  
 Checking into the Betty Fjord Clinic.  
 ▪ **Dick Vosburgh** 1929-2007 and **Denis King**: *Beauty and the Beards* (2001)
- 51 I have a rare intolerance to herbs which means I can only drink fermented liquids, such as gin.  
 ▪ **Julie Walters** 1950- British actress: in *Observer* 14 March 1999
- 52 During one of my treks through Afghanistan, we lost our corkscrew. Compelled to live on food and water... for several days.  
 ▪ **Mae West** 1892-1980 and **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946: *My Little Chickadee* (1940 film), spoken by W. C. Fields as Cuthbert J. Twillie

## Driving

*Speed has never killed anyone, suddenly becoming stationary...that's what gets you.* **Jeremy Clarkson**

- 1 *of Annie's parking:*  
 That's OK, we can walk to the kerb from here.  
 ▪ **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: *Annie Hall* (1977 film)
- 2 You're not stuck in traffic. You are traffic.  
 ▪ **Anonymous**: German transport campaign slogan, in *Guardian* 4 September 2010
- 3 Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot,  
 and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?  
 ▪ **George Carlin** 1937-2008 American comedian: attributed
- 4 Speed has never killed anyone. Suddenly becoming stationary, that's what gets you.  
 ▪ **Jeremy Clarkson** 1960- English broadcaster: attributed, in *Sunday Times* 28 January 2007
- 5 I don't understand bus lanes. Why do poor people have to get to places



quicker than I do?

- **Jeremy Clarkson** 1960- English broadcaster: attributed, in *Sydney Morning Herald* 1 February 2008

6 Somebody actually complimented me on my driving today. They left a little note on the windscreen. It said: 'Parking fine'.

- **Tommy Cooper** 1921-84 British comedian: attributed

7 [There are] only two classes of pedestrians in these days of reckless

motor traffic—the quick, and the dead.

- **Lord Dewar** 1864-1930 British industrialist: *George Robey Looking Back on Life* (1933)

8 A woman driver is one who drives like a man and gets blamed for it.

- **Patricia Ledger**: in *Toledo Blade* 15 April 1958

9 In Milan, traffic lights are instructions. In Rome, they are suggestions. In Naples, they are Christmas decorations.

- **Antonio Martino** 1942- Italian politician: in *Sunday Times* 24 February 2002

# Drugs

Reality is a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs. **Lily Tomlin**

1 I'll tell you what, that crack is really moreish.

- **Jesse Armstrong** and **Sam Bain** 1971- British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2004), spoken by Matt King as Super Hans

2 LSD? Nothing much happened, but I did get the distinct impression that some birds were trying to communicate with me.

- **W. H. Auden** 1907-73 English poet: George Plimpton (ed.) *The Writer's Chapbook* (1989)

3 Cocaine habit-forming? Of course not. I ought to know. I've been using it for years.

- **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: *Tallulah* (1952)

4 the number one thing he has learned after fifty years in the business:

You start out playing rock 'n' roll so you can have sex and do drugs. But you end up doing drugs so you can still play rock 'n' roll and have sex.

- **Mick Jagger** 1943- English rock musician: on *The Late Show* (CBS TV) 11 December 2012

5 warning his young son John to avoid opium on account of its 'terrible binding effect'

Have you ever seen the pictures of the wretched poet Coleridge? He smoked opium. Take a look at Coleridge, he was green about the gills and a stranger to the lavatory.

- **Clifford Mortimer** British lawyer: John Mortimer *Clinging to the Wreckage* (1982)

6 Sure thing, man. I used to be a laboratory myself once.

on being asked to autograph a fan's school chemistry book

- **Keith Richards** 1943- English rock musician: in *Independent on Sunday* 7 August 1994

7 Reality is a crutch for people who can't cope with drugs.

- **Lily Tomlin** 1939- American comedienne and actress: attributed; Phil Hammond and Michael Mosley *Trust Me (I'm a Doctor)* 1999

8 Cocaine is God's way of saying you're making too much money.

- **Robin Williams** 1951-2014 American actor: in *New York Magazine* 31 August 1981



# Drunkenness and Hangovers

see also **DRINK**

But I'm not so think as you drunk I am. **J. C. Squire**

## 1 R-E-M-O-R-S-E!

Those dry Martinis did the work for me;

Last night at twelve I felt immense,  
Today I feel like thirty cents.

My eyes are bleared, my coppers hot,  
I'll try to eat, but I cannot.

It is no time for mirth and laughter,  
The cold, grey dawn of the morning  
after.

- **George Ade** 1866-1944 American humorist and dramatist: *The Sultan of Sulu* (1903)

## 2 asked to devise an advertising slogan for Guinness:

Guinness makes you drunk.

- **Brendan Behan** 1923-64 Irish dramatist: attributed, perhaps apocryphal

## 3 One evening in October, when I was one-third sober, An' taking home a 'load' with manly pride; My poor feet began to stutter, so I lay down in the gutter, And a pig came up an' lay down by my side; Then we sang 'It's all fair weather when good fellows get together,' Till a lady passing by was heard to say: 'You can tell a man who "boozes" by the company he chooses' And the pig got up and slowly walked away.

- **Benjamin Hapgood Burt** 1880-1950 American songwriter: 'The Pig Got Up and Slowly Walked Away' (1933)

## 4 Take the juice of two quarts of whisky. *recommended hangover cure*

- **Eddie Condon** 1905-73 American jazz musician: in *New York Sunday News* 10 June 1951

## 5 I often sit back and think 'I wish I'd done that' and find out later that

I already have.

- **Richard Harris** 1930-2002 Irish actor: in *Sun* 19 May 1988

## 6 I don't get hangovers. You have to stop drinking to get a hangover.

- **Lemmy** 1945- English rock musician: in *Observer* 10 November 2002

## 7 You're not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on.

- **Dean Martin** 1917-95 American singer and actor: *Paul Dickson Official Rules* (1978)

## 8 You can always tell that the crash is coming when I start getting tender about Our Dumb Friends. Three highballs and I think I'm St Francis of Assisi.

- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: *Here Lies* (1939)

## 9 One more drink and I'd have been under the host.

- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: *Howard Teichmann George S. Kaufman* (1973)

## 10 But I'm not so think as you drunk I am. ▪ **J. C. Squire** 1884-1958 English man of letters: 'Ballade of Soporific Absorption' (1931)

## 11 a drunken reveller, deciding to look out to see what sort of night it is, inadvertently stumbles into a larder; he reports back:

Hellish dark, and smells of cheese!

- **R. S. Surtees** 1805-64 English sporting journalist and novelist: *Handley Cross* (1843)

## 12 [An alcoholic:] A man you don't like who drinks as much as you do.

- **Dylan Thomas** 1914-53 Welsh poet: *Constantine Fitzgibbon Life of Dylan Thomas* (1965)

## 13 on being given aspirin from a small tin box by Jeeves:

Thank you, Jeeves. Don't slam the lid.

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *Ring for Jeeves* (1953)



- 14 At the present moment, the whole Fleet's lit up. When I say 'lit up', I mean lit up by fairy lamps.  
*engaged to make a live outside broadcast of the Spithead Review, Woodrooffe was so overcome by his reunion with many old Naval colleagues that the celebrations sabotaged his ability to*

*commentate*

- **Thomas Woodrooffe** 1899-1978 British naval officer: reporting on the Spithead Review, 20 May 1937
- 15 My dad was the town drunk. Usually that's not so bad, but New York City?
- **Henny Youngman** 1906-98 American comedian: attributed

# Eating

see also **FOOD**

Never eat more than you can lift. **Jim Henson**

- 1 The French, they say, live to eat. The English, on the other hand, eat to die.
  - **Martin Amis** 1949- English novelist: *Money* (1984)
- 2 I believe that if ever I had to practise cannibalism, I might manage if there were enough tarragon around.
  - **James Beard** 1903-85 American chef: in *New York Times* 24 January 1985
- 3 Good to eat, and wholesome to digest, as a worm to a toad, a toad to a snake, a snake to a pig, a pig to a man, and a man to a worm.  
*on the cycle of digestion*
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842-c.1914 American writer: *The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary* (1967)
- 4 In general they [my children] refused to eat anything that hadn't danced on TV.
  - **Erma Bombeck** 1927-96 American humorist: *Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession* (1984)
- 5 The healthy stomach is nothing if not conservative. Few radicals have good digestions.
  - **Samuel Butler** 1835-1902 English novelist: *Notebooks* (1912)
- 6 'There's nothing like eating hay when you're faint'... 'I didn't say there was nothing better,' the King replied, 'I said there was nothing like it.'
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- 7 'It's very easy to talk,' said Mrs Mantalini. 'Not so easy when one is eating a demnition egg,' replied Mr Mantalini; 'for the yolk runs down the waistcoat, and yolk of egg does not match any waistcoat but a yellow waistcoat, demmit.'
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839)
- 8 Never eat more than you can lift.  
*Miss Piggy's advice*
  - **Jim Henson** 1936-90 American puppeteer: attributed
- 9 The trouble with eating Italian food is that five or six days later you're hungry again.
  - **George Miller**: attributed
- 10 Chopsticks are one of the reasons the Chinese never invented custard.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: attributed
- 11 We each day dig our graves with our teeth.
  - **Samuel Smiles** 1812-1904 English writer: *Duty* (1880)
- 12 Serenely full, the epicure would say, Fate cannot harm me, I have dined to-day.
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855) 'Receipt for a Salad'
- 13 He found that a fork in his inexperienced hand was an instrument of chase rather than capture.
  - **H. G. Wells** 1866-1946 English novelist: *Kipps* (1905)



# Economics

see also **MONEY**

The safest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your pocket.  
**Frank McKinney Hubbard**

- 1 No real English gentleman, in his secret soul, was ever sorry for the death of a political economist.
  - **Walter Bagehot** 1826-77 English economist and essayist: *Estimates of some Englishmen and Scotchmen* (1858) 'The First Edinburgh Reviewers'
- 2 A man explained inflation to his wife thus: 'When we married you measured 36-24-36. Now you're 42-42-42. There's more of you, but you're not worth as much.'
  - **Joel Barnett** 1923- British Labour politician: attributed; in *Mail on Sunday* 5 October 2003
- 3 John Stuart Mill,  
By a mighty effort of will,  
Overcame his natural *bonhomie*  
And wrote 'Principles of Political Economy'.
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956 English writer: 'John Stuart Mill' (1905)
- 4 It's the economy, stupid.  
*slogan on a sign put up at the Clinton presidential campaign headquarters*
  - **James Carville** 1944- American political consultant: campaign slogan, 1992
- 5 I never could make out what those damned dots meant.  
*as Chancellor, on decimal points*
  - **Lord Randolph Churchill** 1849-94 British Conservative politician: W. S. Churchill *Lord Randolph Churchill* (1906)
- 6 Not all Germans believe in God, but they all believe in the Bundesbank.
  - **Jacques Delors** 1925- French socialist politician: attributed, in *Guardian* 11 December 1992
- 7 Trickle-down theory—the less than elegant metaphor that if one feeds the horse enough oats, some will pass through to the road for the sparrows.
  - **J. K. Galbraith** 1908-2006 Canadian-born American economist: *The Culture of Contentment* (1992)
- 8 I could seek to ease his pain, but only by giving him an aspirin.  
*the Governor of the Bank of England on economic problems of the small businessman*
  - **Eddie George** 1938-2009 English banker: interview on *The Money Programme* BBC2 TV, 28 February 1999
- 9 Balancing the budget is like going to heaven. Everybody wants to do it, but nobody wants to do what you have to do to get there.
  - **Phil Gramm** 1942- American Republican politician: in a television interview, 16 September 1990
- 10 In '29 when the banks went bust, Our coins still read 'In God We Trust'.
  - **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'Federal Reserve' (1965)
- 11 The safest way to double your money is to fold it over and put it in your pocket.
  - **Frank McKinney Hubbard** 1868-1930 American humorist: attributed
- 12 *claiming to have been the first person to explain monetarism to Margaret Thatcher: It makes one feel like the geography teacher who showed a map of the world to Genghis Khan.*
  - **Peter Jay** 1937- British economist: in *Tory! Tory! Tory!* (BBC Four television documentary) 8 March 2006
- 13 If economists could manage to get themselves thought of as humble, competent people, on a level with



dentists, that would be splendid!

- **John Maynard Keynes** 1883–1946 English economist: 'Economic Possibilities for our Grandchildren'; David Howell *Blind Victory* (1986)

14 Expenditure rises to meet income.

- **C. Northcote Parkinson** 1909–93 English writer: *The Law and the Profits* (1960)

15 An economist is an expert who will know tomorrow why the things he

predicted yesterday didn't happen today

- **Laurence J. Peter** 1919–90 Canadian writer: attributed

16 The only function of economic forecasting is to make astrology look respectable.

- **Ezra Solomon** 1920–2002 Burmese-born American economist: in *Reader's Digest* 1985; often wrongly attributed to J. K. Galbraith following a humorous piece in *U.S. News & World Report* 7 March 1988

# Education

see also **ACADEMIC, EXAMINATIONS**

I won't say ours was a tough school, but we had our own coroner. **Lenny Bruce**

1 an unnamed Professor of English at Ohio University:

I am returning this otherwise good typing paper to you because someone has printed gibberish all over it and put your name at the top.

- **Anonymous**: quoted in *New Scientist*, 1996

2 I read Shakespeare and the Bible and I can shoot dice. That's what I call a liberal education.

- **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903–68 American actress: attributed

3 Education with socialists, it's like sex, all right so long as you don't have to pay for it.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Getting On* (1972)

4 I won't say ours was a tough school, but we had our own coroner. We used to write essays like: What I'm going to be if I grow up.

- **Lenny Bruce** 1925–66 American comedian: attributed

5 C-l-e-a-n, clean, verb active, to make bright, to scour. W-i-n, win, d-e-r, der, winder, a casement. When the boy knows this out of the book, he goes and does it.

- **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839)

6 Life isn't like coursework, baby. It's one damn essay crisis after another.

- **Boris Johnson** 1964– British Conservative politician: in *Observer* 15 May 2005

7 Take up car maintenance and find the class is full of other thirty-something women like me, looking for a fella.

- **Marian Keyes** 1963– Irish writer: 'Late Opening at the Last Chance Saloon' (1997)

8 Stand firm in your refusal to remain conscious during algebra. In real life, I assure you, there is no such thing as algebra.

- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)

9 At school I never minded the lessons. I just resented having to work terribly hard at playing.

- **John Mortimer** 1923–2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: *A Voyage Round My Father* (1971)

10 Seriousness is stupidity sent to college.

- **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Give War a Chance* (1992)

11 The schoolteacher is certainly underpaid as a childminder, but ludicrously overpaid as an educator.

- **John Osborne** 1929–94 English dramatist: in *Observer* 21 July 1985 'Sayings of the Week'



- 12 GROUCHO MARX: With a little study you'll go a long way, and I wish you'd start now.
  - S. J. Perelman 1904-79 American humorist: *Monkey Business* (1931 film)
- 13 There's al-gebra. That's like sums with letters...for people whose brains aren't clever enough for numbers, see?
  - Terry Pratchett 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Jingo* (1997)
- 14 You can't expect a boy to be vicious till he's been to a good school.
  - Saki 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald in Russia* (1910)
- 15 For every person who wants to teach there are approximately thirty who don't want to learn—much.
  - W. C. Sellar 1898-1951 and R. J. Yeatman 1898-1968: *And Now All This* (1932) introduction
- 16 Me havin' no education, I had to use my brains.
  - Bill Shankly 1913-81 Scottish footballer and football manager: Hugh McIlvanney *McIlvanney on Football* (1994)
- 17 He who can, does. He who cannot, teaches.
  - George Bernard Shaw 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903) 'Maxims: Education'
- 18 *Educ*: during the holidays from Eton.
  - Osbert Sitwell 1892-1969 English writer: entry in *Who's Who* (1929)
- 19 Soap and education are not as sudden as a massacre, but they are more deadly in the long run.
  - Mark Twain 1835-1910 American writer: *A Curious Dream* (1872) 'Facts concerning the Recent Resignation'
- 20 'We class schools, you see, into four grades: Leading School, First-rate School, Good School, and School. Frankly,' said Mr Levy, 'School is pretty bad.'
  - Evelyn Waugh 1903-66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)
- 21 Any one who has been to an English public school will always feel comparatively at home in prison. It is the people brought up in the gay intimacy of the slums, Paul learned, who find prison so soul-destroying.
  - Evelyn Waugh 1903-66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)
- 22 Assistant masters came and went... Some liked little boys too little and some too much.
  - Evelyn Waugh 1903-66 English novelist: *A Little Learning* (1964)
- 23 In England, at any rate, education produces no effect whatsoever. If it did, it would prove a serious danger to the upper classes, and probably lead to acts of violence in Grosvenor Square.
  - Oscar Wilde 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 24 'Didn't Frankenstein get married?' 'Did he?' said Eggy. 'I don't know. I never met him. Harrow man, I expect.'
  - P. G. Wodehouse 1881-1975 English-born writer: *Laughing Gas* (1936)



# Enemies

*I detest him more than cold boiled veal.*

**Lord Macaulay**

- 1 I wouldn't piss in his ear if his brain was on fire.  
*indicating your level of dislike for someone*
  - **Anonymous:** quoted as a traditional expression of the Southern US; Bill Clinton *My Life* (2004)
- 2 Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate.
  - **Anonymous:** saying in American government circles, from at least the 1970s
- 3 I do not love thee, Dr Fell.  
The reason why I cannot tell;  
But this I know, and know full well,  
I do not love thee, Dr Fell.
  - **Thomas Brown** 1663-1704 English satirist: written while an undergraduate at Christ Church, Oxford, of which Dr Fell was Dean
- 4 The Bible tells us to love our neighbours and also to love our enemies; probably because they are generally the same people.
  - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: in *Illustrated London News* 16 July 1910
- 5 I detest him more than cold boiled veal.  
*of the Tory essayist and politician John*

*Wilson Croker*

- **Lord Macaulay** 1800-59 English politician and historian: letter 5 August 1831
- 6 People wish their enemies dead—but I do not; I say give them the gout, give them the stone!
    - **Lady Mary Wortley Montagu** 1689-1762 English writer: W. S. Lewis et al. (eds.) *Horace Walpole's Correspondence* (1973)
  - 7 *asked on his deathbed if he forgave his enemies:* I have none. I had them all shot.
    - **Ramón María Narváez** 1800-68 Spanish general: Antony Beevor *The Battle For Spain* (2006)
  - 8 Any kiddie in school can love like a fool,  
But hating, my boy, is an art.
    - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Plea for Less Malice Toward None' (1933)
  - 9 I find that forgiving one's enemies is a most curious morbid pleasure; perhaps I should check it.
    - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: letter 20 April 1894
  - 10 A man cannot be too careful in the choice of his enemies.
    - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)

# England

see also **BRITISH, TOWNS**

*If an Englishman gets run down by a truck he apologizes to the truck.*

**Jackie Mason**

- 1 The English instinctively admire any man who has no talent and is modest about it
  - **James Agate** 1877-1947 British drama critic and novelist: diary 15 March 1946
- 2 Boasting about modesty is typical of the English.
  - **Anonymous:** unattributed; in *Mail on Sunday* 21 February 1999 'Quotes of the Week'



- 3 An Englishman considers himself a self-made man, and thereby relieves the Almighty of a dreadful responsibility.
  - **Anonymous**: unattributed; in *Times* 23 February 1999
- 4 The North, where England tucks its shirt in its underpants.
  - **Simon Armitage** 1963– English poet: *All Points North* (1998)
- 5 I'm English and as such crave disappointment.
  - **Bill Bailey** 1964– English comedian: attributed
- 6 I only said the English weren't famous for sex, that's all. Like the Boat Race, in out, in out, in out, then everyone collapsed over their oars.
  - **Julian Barnes** 1946– English novelist: *England, England* (1998)
- 7 The English may not like music, but they absolutely love the noise it makes.
  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: in *New York Herald Tribune* 9 March 1961
- 8 He was born an Englishman and remained one for years.
  - **Brendan Behan** 1923–64 Irish dramatist: *Hostage* (1958)
- 9 The English like eccentrics. They just don't like them living next door.
  - **Julian Clary** 1959– English comedian: in *Daily Telegraph* 2 September 1992
- 10 The country has grown too small for its boots.
 

*of England*

  - **Claud Cockburn** 1904–81 British writer and journalist: *View from the West* (1961)
- 11 Mad dogs and Englishmen  
Go out in the midday sun.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'Mad Dogs and Englishmen' (1931)
- 12 Very flat, Norfolk.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *Private Lives* (1930)
- 13 The English can be explained by their Anglo-Saxon heritage and the influence of the Methodists. But I prefer to explain them in terms of tea, roast beef and rain. A people is first what it eats, drinks and gets pelted with.
  - **Pierre Daninos** 1913–2005 French writer: *Major Thompson and I* (1957)
- 14 Kent, sir—everybody knows Kent—apples, cherries, hops, and women.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Pickwick Papers* (1837)
- 15 Because I am an Englishman  
I spent most of my life in a state of embarrassment.
  - **Colin Firth** 1960– British actor: interview, *The-Talks.com*, 2 May 2012
- 16 He is an Englishman!  
For he himself has said it,  
And it's greatly to his credit,  
That he is an Englishman!
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *HMS Pinafore* (1878)
- 17 Contrary to popular belief, English women do not wear tweed nightgowns.
  - **Hermione Gingold** 1897–1987 English actress: in *Saturday Review* 16 April 1955
- 18 The truth is that every Englishman's house is his hospital, particularly the bathroom.
  - **Oliver St John Gogarty** 1878–1957 Irish writer and surgeon: *As I Was Going Down Sackville Street* (1937)
- 19 Even crushed against his brother in the Tube, the average Englishman pretends desperately that he is alone.
  - **Germaine Greer** 1939– Australian feminist: *The Female Eunuch* (1970)
- 20 The English never smash in a face. They merely refrain from asking it to dinner.
  - **Margaret Halsey** 1910–97 American writer: *With Malice Toward Some* (1938)
- 21 My parents were English. We were too poor to be British.
 

*on his British origins*

  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: in *Times* 29 July 2003
- 22 Not to be English was for my family so terrible a handicap as almost to place the sufferer in the permanent invalid class.
  - **Osbert Lancaster** 1908–86 English writer and cartoonist: *All Done From Memory* (1953)



- 23 The old English belief that if a thing is unpleasant it is automatically good for you.  
 ▪ **Osbert Lancaster** 1908-86 English writer and cartoonist: *Homes Sweet Homes* (1939)
- 24 I speak as your native guide to the mysterious tribe called the English. Dress code is everything. You can be a card-carrying Nazi, you can pay gigolos to eat gnocchi out of your navel and you won't be pilloried—as long as you never, ever wear linen with tweed.  
 ▪ **Kathy Lette** 1958- Australian writer: *Foetal Attraction* (1993)
- 25 In England it is very dangerous to have a sense of humour.  
 ▪ **E. V. Lucas** 1868-1938 English journalist, essayist, and critic: *365 Days and One More* (1926)
- 26 If an Englishman gets run down by a truck he apologizes to the truck.  
 ▪ **Jackie Mason** 1931- American comedian: in *Independent* 20 September 1990
- 27 An Englishman, even if he is alone, forms an orderly queue of one.  
 ▪ **George Mikes** 1912-87 Hungarian-born writer: *How to be an Alien* (1946)
- 28 The English are busy; they don't have time to be polite.  
 ▪ **Montesquieu** 1689-1755 French political philosopher: *Pensées et fragments inédits...* (1901)
- 29 Man does not strive after happiness; only the Englishman does that.  
 ▪ **Friedrich Nietzsche** 1844-1900 German philosopher: *Twilight of the Idols* (1889)
- 30 I think the English are bipolar. 'We're the greatest, no we're terrible'—that's a constant English struggle. Crime is down, there's little poverty—yet it's always the worst time to have lived here.  
 ▪ **Dara O Briain** 1972- Irish comedian: attributed
- 31 It is hard to tell where the MCC ends and the Church of England begins.  
 ▪ **J. B. Priestley** 1894-1984 English novelist, dramatist, and critic: in *New Statesman* 20 July 1962
- 32 We really like dowdiness in England. It's absolutely incurable in us, I believe.  
 ▪ **Peter Shaffer** 1926- English dramatist: *Whom Do I Have the Honour of Addressing?* (1990)
- 33 An Englishman thinks he is moral when he is only uncomfortable.  
 ▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 34 Englishmen never will be slaves: they are free to do whatever the Government and public opinion allow them to do.  
 ▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 35 Wensleydale lies between Tuesleydale and Thursleydale.  
 ▪ **Arthur Smith** 1954- English comedian: attributed
- 36 This Englishwoman is so refined  
 She has no bosom and no behind.  
 ▪ **Stevie Smith** 1902-71 English poet and novelist: 'This Englishwoman' (1937)
- 37 What a pity it is that we have no amusements in England but vice and religion!  
 ▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: Hesketh Pearson *The Smiths of Smiths* (1934)
- 38 As an Englishman does not travel to see Englishmen, I retired to my room.  
 ▪ **Laurence Sterne** 1713-68 English novelist: *A Sentimental Journey* (1768)
- 39 He is a typical Englishman, always dull and usually violent.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)
- 40 You should study the Peerage, Gerald... It is the best thing in fiction the English have ever done.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 41 The inherited stupidity of the race—sound English common sense.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)
- 42 I did a picture in England one winter and it was so cold I almost got married.  
 ▪ **Shelley Winters** 1922-2006 American actress: attributed; John Walker (ed.) *Halliwel's Who's Who in the Movies* 13th ed. (1999)



43 I like a man to be a clean, strong, upstanding Englishman who can look his gnu in the face and put an ounce of lead in it.

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *Mr. Mulliner Speaking* (1929)

# Epitaphs

see also **DEATH**

Keep off the grass. **Peter Ustinov**

1 *invited to write his own epitaph:*  
He finally met his deadline.

- **Douglas Adams** 1952–2001 English science fiction writer: on BBC Radio 4 *Quote Unquote*

2 In bloom of life  
She's snatched from hence  
She had not room  
To make defence;  
For Tiger fierce  
Took life away,  
And here she lies  
In a bed of clay  
Until the Resurrection Day.  
*of Hannah Twynnoy, who had been attacked by an escaped tiger from a travelling circus in 1703*  
▪ **Anonymous:** gravestone in Malmesbury churchyard

3 Here lies a poor woman who always  
was tired,  
For she lived in a place where help  
wasn't hired.  
Her last words on earth were, Dear  
friends I am going  
Where washing ain't done nor sweeping  
nor sewing,  
And everything there is exact to my  
wishes,  
For there they don't eat and there's no  
washing of dishes...  
Don't mourn for me now, don't mourn  
for me never,  
For I'm going to do nothing for ever  
and ever.  
▪ **Anonymous:** epitaph in Bushey churchyard, before 1860; destroyed by 1916

4 Here lies Fred,  
Who was alive and is dead:  
Had it been his father,  
I had much rather;  
Had it been his brother,  
Still better than another;  
Had it been his sister,  
No one would have missed her;  
Had it been the whole generation,  
Still better for the nation:  
But since 'tis only Fred,  
Who was alive and is dead,—  
There's no more to be said.  
*epitaph for Frederick, Prince of Wales, killed by a cricket ball in 1751*

- **Anonymous:** Horace Walpole *Memoirs of George II* (1847)

5 *suggested epitaph for an unnamed movie queen whose love-life had been notorious:*  
She sleeps alone at last.

- **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: attributed

6 John Adams lies here, of the parish of Southwell,  
A carrier who carried his can to his  
mouth well;  
He carried so much, and he carried so fast,  
He could carry no more—so was  
carried at last;  
For the liquor he drank, being too much  
for one,  
He could not carry off—so he's now  
carri-on.  
▪ **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: 'Epitaph on John Adams of Southwell, a Carrier who Died of Drunkenness' (1807)



- 7 Alan died suddenly at Saltwood on Sunday 5th September. He said he would like it to be stated that he regarded himself as having gone to join Tom and the other dogs.
  - **Alan Clark** 1928-99 British Conservative politician: death announcement in *Times* 8 September 1999
- 8 *on the death of US President Warren G. Harding:*  
The only man, woman or child who wrote a simple declarative sentence with seven grammatical errors is dead.
  - **e. e. cummings** 1894-1962 American poet: attributed
- 9 Believing that his hate for queers  
Proclaimed his love for God,  
He now (of all queer things, my dears)  
Lies under his first sod.  
*on John Gordon (1890-1974), editor of the Sunday Express*
  - **Paul Dehn** 1912-76 English screenwriter: Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 10 Under this stone, Reader, survey  
Dead Sir John Vanbrugh's house of clay.  
Lie heavy on him, Earth! for he  
Laid many heavy loads on thee!
  - **Abel Evans** 1679-1737 English poet and divine: 'Epitaph on Sir John Vanbrugh, Architect of Blenheim Palace'
- 11 Here lies W. C. Fields. I would rather be  
living in Philadelphia.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: suggested epitaph for himself; in *Vanity Fair* June 1925
- 12 Here Skugg  
Lies snug  
As a bug  
In a rug.
  - **Benjamin Franklin** 1706-90 American politician, inventor, and scientist: letter to Georgiana Shipley on the death of her squirrel, 26 September 1772
- 13 John Le Mesurier wishes it to be known  
that he conked out on November 15th.  
He sadly misses family and friends.
  - **John Le Mesurier** 1912-83 English actor: death announcement in *Times* 16 November 1983
- 14 Malcolm Lowry  
Late of the Bowery  
His prose was flowery  
And often glowery  
He lived, nightly, and drank, daily,  
And died playing the ukelele.  
*epitaph he had prepared, which his wife refused to use on his tombstone*
  - **Malcolm Lowry** 1909-57 English novelist: Javier Marias *Written Lives* (2000)
- 15 Poor G.K.C., his day is past—  
Now God will know the truth at last.
  - **E. V. Lucas** 1868-1938 English journalist, essayist, and critic: mock epitaph for G. K. Chesterton; Dudley Barker *G. K. Chesterton* (1973)
- 16 Here lie I, Martin Elginbrodde:  
Hae mercy o' my soul, Lord God;  
As I wad do, were I Lord God,  
And ye were Martin Elginbrodde.
  - **George MacDonald** 1824-1905 Scottish writer and poet: *David Elginbrod* (1863)
- 17 *epitaph for a waiter:*  
By and by  
God caught his eye.
  - **David McCord** 1897-1997 American poet: 'Remainders' (1935)
- 18 Here lies Spike Milligan. I told you  
I was ill.  
*his chosen epitaph*
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: in *Daily Telegraph* 28 February 2002
- 19 Beneath this slab  
John Brown is stowed.  
He watched the ads,  
And not the road.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Lather as You Go' (1942)
- 20 Excuse My Dust.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: suggested epitaph for herself; Alexander Woollcott *While Rome Burns* (1934) 'Our Mrs Parker'
- 21 *epitaph for Maurice Bowra:*  
Without you, Heaven would be too dull  
to bear,  
And Hell would not be Hell if you are  
there.
  - **John Sparrow** 1906-92 English academic: in *Times Literary Supplement* 30 May 1975



22 *when asked what he would like to see on his tombstone:*

Keep off the grass.

- **Peter Ustinov** 1921–2004 British actor, director, and writer: attributed; in *Mail on Sunday* 4 April 2004

23 I always thought I'd like my tombstone to be blank. No epitaph, and no name. Well, actually I'd like it to say 'figment'.

- **Andy Warhol** 1927–87 American artist: *America* (1985)

## Examinations

I evidently knew more about *economics* than my examiners. **John Maynard Keynes**

1 I was thrown out of N.Y.U. my freshman year for cheating on my metaphysics final, you know. I looked within the soul of the boy sitting next to me.

- **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Annie Hall* (1977 film, with Marshall Brickman), as Alvy Singer

2 Truth is no more at issue in an examination than thirst at a wine-tasting or fashion at a striptease.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *The History Boys* (2004)

3 I wrote my name at the top of the page. I wrote down the number of the question '1'. After much reflection I put a bracket round it thus '(1)'. But thereafter I could not think of anything connected with it that was either relevant or true....It was from these slender indications of scholarship that Mr Welldon drew the conclusion that I was worthy to pass into Harrow. It is very much to his credit.

- **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: *My Early Life* (1930)

4 He had ambitions, at one time, to become a sex maniac, but he failed his practical.

- **Les Dawson** 1934–93 English comedian: attributed; Fred Metcalf (ed.) *Penguin Dictionary of Modern Humorous Quotations* (1987)

5 *explaining why he performed badly in the Civil Service examinations:*

I evidently knew more about economics than my examiners.

- **John Maynard Keynes** 1883–1946 English economist: Roy Harrod *Life of John Maynard Keynes* (1951)

6 In examinations those who do not wish to know ask questions of those who cannot tell.

- **Walter Raleigh** 1861–1922 English lecturer and critic: *Laughter from a Cloud* (1923) 'Some Thoughts on Examinations'

7 Do not on any account attempt to write on both sides of the paper at once.

- **W. C. Sellar** 1898–1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898–1968: *1066 and All That* (1930) 'Test Paper 5'

8 *Whistler had been found 'deficient in chemistry' in a West Point examination: Had silicon been a gas, I would have been a major-general by now.*

- **James McNeill Whistler** 1834–1903 American-born painter: E. R. and J. Pennell *The Life of James McNeill Whistler* (1908)

9 *in his viva at Oxford Wilde was required to translate a passage from the Greek version of the New Testament. Having acquitted himself well, he was stopped:*

Oh, do let me go on, I want to see how it ends.

- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: James Sutherland (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes* (1975)



# Exercise

Exercise is the yuppie version of bulimia.

**Barbara Ehrenreich**

- 1 I'd love to go to the gym, but I just can't get my head around the footwear.
  - **Victoria Beckham** 1974- British pop singer: interview, GMTV, in *Daily Mail* 15 May 2008
- 2 The only reason I would take up jogging is so that I could hear heavy breathing again.
  - **Erma Bombeck** 1927-96 American humorist: attributed
- 3 The two best exercises in the world are making love and dancing but a simple one is to stand on tiptoe.
  - **Barbara Cartland** 1901-2000 English writer: in 1972, attributed; in *Guardian* 22 May 2000
- 4 *on exercise:*  
I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do.
  - **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: *The Joys of Ageing—And How to Avoid Them* (1981)
- 5 Exercise is the yuppie version of bulimia.
  - **Barbara Ehrenreich** 1941- American sociologist and writer: *The Worst Years of Our Lives* (1991) 'Food Worship'
- 6 For exercise, I wind my watch.
  - **Robert Maxwell** 1923-91 Czech-born British publisher: attributed
- 7 A bear, however hard he tries,  
Grows tubby without exercise.
  - **A. A. Milne** 1882-1956 English writer: 'Teddy Bear' (1924)
- 8 The only exercise I take is walking behind the coffins of friends who took exercise.
  - **Peter O'Toole** 1932-2013 British actor: in *Mail on Sunday* 27 December 1998 'Quotes of the Year'
- 9 Avoid running at all times.
  - **Leroy ('Satchel') Paige** 1906-82 American baseball player: *How To Stay Young* (1953)
- 10 If God had wanted us to bend over, He would have put diamonds on the floor.
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 11 I used to jog but the ice cubes kept falling out of my glass.
  - **Dave Lee Roth** 1955- American rock singer: attributed
- 12 I try to keep fit. I've got these parallel bars at home. I run at them and try to buy a drink from both of them.
  - **Arthur Smith** 1954- English comedian: attributed
- 13 I don't take enough exercise, but what is the longest-lived animal in the world? The giant tortoise is 120 years old and it hardly moves.
  - **Terry Wogan** 1938- Irish broadcaster: in *Times* 23 June 2007

**Exploration** *see* **TRAVEL AND EXPLORATION**



# Faces

see also **APPEARANCE**

I tried to shave off my eyebrows once and my trousers fell down. **Denis Healey**

- 1 Frazier is so ugly that he should donate his face to the US Bureau of Wild Life.
  - **Muhammad Ali** 1942- American boxer: in *Guardian* 23 December 1972 'Sports Quotes of the Year'
- 2 My job is  
Keeping faces clean  
And nobody knows  
De stubble  
I've seen  
Burma-Shave.
  - **Anonymous**: Burma-Shave advertisement, 1950
- 3 If she'd played Lady Godiva, the horse would have stolen the show.  
*on an actress not known for her looks*
  - **Anonymous**: twentieth-century saying
- 4 My face looks like a wedding cake left out in the rain.
  - **W. H. Auden** 1907-73 English poet: Humphrey Carpenter *W. H. Auden* (1981)
- 5 In appearance Dior is like a bland country curate made out of pink marzipan.  
*of Christian Dior*
  - **Cecil Beaton** 1904-80 English photographer: *The Glass of Fashion* (1954)
- 6 He had the sort of face that makes you realise God does have a sense of humour.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *Neither Here Nor There* (1991)
- 7 *of W. H. Auden's heavily wrinkled face:*  
Were a fly to attempt to cross it, it would break its leg.
  - **Lord David Cecil** 1902-86 British biographer and critic: *A. L. Rowse diary*, 30 May 1960
- 8 Time marches on and eventually you realize it is marching across your face.
  - **Robert Harling** 1951- American writer: *Steel Magnolias* (1989 film), spoken by Dolly Parton as Truvy
- 9 I tried to shave off my eyebrows once and my trousers fell down.
  - **Denis Healey** 1917- British Labour politician: in *Observer* 21 August 2005
- 10 I kept thinking, if his face was that wrinkled, what did his balls look like?  
*after drawing W. H. Auden*
  - **David Hockney** 1937- British artist: attributed
- 11 Her face was her chaperone.
  - **Rupert Hughes** 1872-1956 American writer: attributed
- 12 A face made of broken commandments.
  - **John Masefield** 1878-1967 English poet: *Sard Harker* (1924)



# Failure

Kids, you tried your best, and you failed miserably. The lesson is, never try.

**Matt Groening**

- 1 during a rehearsal at the Royal Court, Beckett encouraged an actor who had lamented, 'I'm failing':  
Go on failing. Go on. Only next time, try to fail better.  
▪ **Samuel Beckett** 1906-89 Irish dramatist, novelist, and poet: *Tony Richardson Long Distance Runner* (1993)
- 2 Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavour.  
▪ **Truman Capote** 1924-84 American writer: *The Dogs Bark* (1977)
- 3 If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style.  
▪ **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: in *Sunday Telegraph* 28 September 1999
- 4 I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.  
▪ **Thomas Alva Edison** 1847-1931 American inventor: the commonly-quoted version of an incident recounted in F. L. Dyer and T. C. Martin *Edison: His Life and Inventions* (1910)
- 5 If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it.  
▪ **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: attributed
- 6 Kids, you tried your best, and you failed miserably. The lesson is, never try.  
*Homer Simpson*  
▪ **Matt Groening** 1954- American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* 'Burns' Heir' (1994) written by Jace Richdale
- 7 Come forth, Lazarus! And he came fifth and lost the job.  
▪ **James Joyce** 1882-1941 Irish novelist: *Ulysses* (1922)
- 8 Whoever said 'It's not whether you win or lose that counts' probably lost.  
▪ **Martina Navratilova** 1956- Czech-born American tennis player: attributed
- 9 Anybody seen in a bus over the age of 30 has been a failure in life.  
▪ **Loelia, Duchess of Westminster** 1902-93: in *Times* 4 November 1993; habitual remark

# Fame

Stardom isn't a profession; it's an accident.

**Lauren Bacall**

- 1 A celebrity is a person who works hard all his life to become well known, and then wears dark glasses to avoid being recognized.  
▪ **Fred Allen** 1894-1956 American humorist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 2 Someone once asked me if my dream was to live on in the hearts of people, and I said I would prefer to live on in my apartment.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: in *Rolling Stone* 9 April 1987
- 3 To live in *Who's Who*  
And to die in *The Times*,  
To be one of the few  
To live in *Who's Who*,  
What would I not do?—  
I'd commit frightful crimes  
To live in *Who's Who*



- And to die in *The Times*.
- **Anonymous:** unattributed; in *Times* 3 January 2004
- 4 Stardom isn't a profession; it's an accident.
    - **Lauren Bacall** 1924-2014 American actress: in *Observer* 19 March 1995 'Sayings of the Week'
  - 5 *asked at a press conference what it was like to act with a 'screen legend' like Nicole Kidman: She's not a legend, she's a beginner. You can't be a legend at whatever age she is.*
    - **Lauren Bacall** 1924-2014 American actress: in *Sunday Telegraph* 12 September 2004
  - 6 Oh, the self-importance of fading stars. Never mind, they will be black holes one day.
    - **Jeffrey Bernard** 1932-97 English journalist: in *The Spectator* 18 July 1992
  - 7 Oblivion...fame's eternal dumping ground.
    - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842-c.1914 American writer: *The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary* (1967)
  - 8 They were so far down the bill I thought they were the printers. *on Morecambe and Wise in early posters and playbills*
    - **Eddie Braben** 1930-2013 English comedy writer: William Cook (ed.) *Eric Morecambe Unseen* (2005)
  - 9 A legend in his own lunchtime. *of Dennis Main Wilson*
    - **David Climie** 1920-95 English screenwriter: Ned Sherrin *Theatrical Anecdotes* (1991); also attributed to Christopher Wordsworth of Clifford Makins
  - 10 They usually ask you, 'Are you you?' ... In fact, I've even been thinking of printing up some cards that just say, 'Yes, I am,' so I can get one out before they even say anything. *on signing autographs*
    - **Jarvis Cocker** 1963- English musician: interview in *Q Magazine* November 1995
  - 11 Becoming famous has taken the place of going to heaven.
    - **Jarvis Cocker** 1963- English musician: in *Guardian* 17 October 2011
  - 12 One dreams of the goddess Fame and winds up with the bitch Publicity.
    - **Peter De Vries** 1910-93 American novelist: *The Mackerel Plaza* (1958)
  - 13 Fancy being remembered around the world for the invention of a mouse!
    - **Walt Disney** 1901-66 American animator and film producer: during his last illness; Leonard Mosley *Disney's World* (1985)
  - 14 If all else fails, immortality can always be assured by adequate error. *often quoted as 'by a spectacular error'*
    - **J. K. Galbraith** 1908-2006 Canadian-born American economist: *Money, Whence It Came, Where It Went* (1995)
  - 15 ARTHUR: I think I'll take a bath. HOBSON: I'll alert the media.
    - **Steve Gordon** 1938-82 American film director: *Arthur* (1981 film); Dudley Moore as Arthur Bach, and John Gielgud as his valet Hobson
  - 16 I'm afraid of losing my obscurity. Genuineness only thrives in the dark. Like celery.
    - **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist: *Those Barren Leaves* (1925)
  - 17 The main advantage of being famous is that when you bore people at dinner parties they think it is their fault.
    - **Henry Kissinger** 1923- American politician: James Naughtie in *Spectator* 1 April 1995; attributed
  - 18 The best fame is a writer's fame: it's enough to get a table at a good restaurant, but not enough that you get interrupted when you eat.
    - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: in *Observer* 30 May 1993 'Sayings of the Week'
  - 19 *on being asked what it was like to be famous: It's like having a string of pearls given you. It's nice, but after a while, if you think of it at all, it's only to wonder if they're real or cultured.*
    - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1941
  - 20 *Wayne and Garth meet Alice Cooper: We're not worthy! We're not worthy!*
    - **Mike Myers** 1963- Canadian actor: *Wayne's World* (1992 film)



- 21 You can't shame or humiliate modern celebrities. What used to be called shame and humiliation is now called publicity.  
 ▪ **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Give War a Chance* (1992)
- 22 *to Labour MP Chris Bryant, whose photograph in his Y-fronts had appeared on a gay website:* Ah, Bryant, there you are. Nearly didn't recognise you with your clothes on.  
 ▪ **Nicholas Soames** 1948– British Conservative politician: attributed; in *Mail on Sunday* 4 January 2004
- 23 *on being approached by a fan a few years after her retirement in 1930:* Get away dear, I don't need you anymore.  
 ▪ **Norma Talmadge** 1893–1957 American film actress: *Jeanine Basinger Silent Stars* (2000)
- 24 *on rumours she would be posing for Playboy:* Oh sure—and next month I'm dressing up as a sea bass for the front cover of *Field and Stream*!  
 ▪ **Elizabeth Taylor** 1932–2011 English-born American actress: attributed
- 25 Modern fame is nothing. I'd rather have an acre of land.  
 ▪ **Alfred, Lord Tennyson** 1809–92 English poet: *Hallam Tennyson Alfred Lord Tennyson; A Memoir by his Son* (1897)
- 26 When I pass my name in such large letters I blush, but at the same time instinctively raise my hat.  
 ▪ **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852–1917 English actor-manager: *Hesketh Pearson Beerbohm Tree* (1956)
- 27 One day you are a signature, next day you're an autograph.  
 ▪ **Billy Wilder** 1906–2002 American screenwriter and director: *Charlotte Chandler Nobody's Perfect* (2002)

## The Family

see also **CHILDREN, PARENTS**

It is a wise father that knows his own child.

**William Shakespeare**

- 1 What is wrong with a little incest? It is both handy and cheap.  
 ▪ **James Agate** 1877–1947 British drama critic and novelist: on *The Barretts of Wimpole Street*; attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 2 And my parents finally realize that I'm kidnapped and they snap into action immediately: They rent out my room.  
 ▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Eric Lax Woody Allen and his Comedy* (1975)
- 3 Like getting a telegram from the mortuary.  
*on becoming a grandfather*  
 ▪ **Martin Amis** 1949– English novelist: at Hay on Wye Literary Festival, 6 June 2010, in *Daily Mail* 7 June 2010
- 4 My mother-in-law broke up my marriage. My wife came home from work one day and found us in bed together.  
 ▪ **Lenny Bruce** 1925–66 American comedian: attributed; Fred Metcalf (ed.) *The Penguin Dictionary of Modern Humorous Quotations*
- 5 I should, many a good day, have blown my brains out, but for the recollection that it would have given pleasure to my mother-in-law; and, even *then*, if I could have been certain to haunt her...  
 ▪ **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: letter, 28 January 1817
- 6 The first half of our lives is ruined by our parents, the second half by our children.  
 ▪ **Clarence Darrow** 1857–1938 American lawyer: attributed
- 7 My grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now, and we don't know



- where the hell she is.
- **Ellen DeGeneres** 1958– American comedian and actress: attributed
- 8 If you must go flopping yourself down,  
flop in favour of your husband and  
child, and not in opposition to 'em.
- **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist:  
*A Tale of Two Cities* (1859)
- 9 Accidents will occur in the best-regulated  
families.
- **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist:  
*David Copperfield* (1850)
- 10 We do everything alike  
We look alike, we dress alike,  
We walk alike, we talk alike,  
and what is more we hate each other  
very much.
- **Howard Dietz** 1896–1983 American  
songwriter: 'Triplets' (1937)
- 11 John Donne, Anne Donne, Un-done.  
*in a letter to his wife, on being dismissed from  
the service of his father-in-law, Sir George More*
- **John Donne** 1572–1631 English poet and  
divine: Izaak Walton *The Life of Dr Donne*  
(first printed in *LXXX Sermons*, 1640)
- 12 You know what they say, if at first you  
don't succeed, you're not the eldest son.
- **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian,  
actor, and writer: *Paperweight* (1992)
- 13 As a child my family's menu consisted  
of two choices: take it or leave it.
- **Buddy Hackett** 1924–2003 American  
comedian: attributed
- 14 MIRANDA: Good morning Mum how are  
you?  
PENNY: Don't get emotional, we're not  
Spanish.
- **Miranda Hart** 1972– English comedian:  
*Miranda* (BBC TV, 2012)
- 15 I'm also told that the latest popular  
game in America is called Incest—all  
the family can join in!
- **Rupert Hart-Davis** 1907–99 British writer  
and publisher: letter to George Lyttelton,  
14 November 1959
- 16 If Gloria hadn't divorced me she  
might never have become her own  
daughter-in-law.  
*of his ex-wife, Gloria Grahame, who had*
- married her former stepson*
- **Cy Howard** 1915–93 American screenwriter:  
*in Ned Sherrin in his Anecdoteage* (1993)
- 17 A dysfunctional family is any family  
with more than one person in it.
- **Mary Karr** 1955– American poet: *The Liars  
Club* (1995)
- 18 *of his appointment of his brother Robert:*  
I see nothing wrong with giving Robert  
some legal experience as Attorney General  
before he goes out to practice law.
- **John F. Kennedy** 1917–63 American  
Democratic statesman: Bill Adler  
*The Complete Kennedy Wit* (1967)
- 19 I've been out where the Blues begin,  
Stopping at home with my kith and kin,  
Where the handclasp's firm, and the  
smile is humorous,  
And Family Friends are a bit too  
numerous.
- **Phyllis McGinley** 1905–78 American poet:  
'Ordeal by Family' (1960)
- 20 The English take breeding of horses  
and dogs more seriously than children.  
God forbid the wrong drop of blood  
should get into their Labrador. But their  
children marry everywhere.
- **Princess Michael of Kent** 1945– in  
*Observer* 20 February 2005
- 21 We kept Mommy on a pedestal—it was  
the only way we could keep Daddy off  
her.  
*of family life as one of twelve children*
- **Dolly Parton** 1946– American singer  
and songwriter: review of her show at the  
Hammersmith Apollo, London; in *Observer*  
24 November 2002
- 22 I want to spend more time with my  
family, but I'm not sure they want to  
spend more time with me.
- **Esther Rantzen** 1940– English broadcaster:  
in *Independent* 29 April 2000
- 23 I find it difficult to take much interest in  
a man whose father was a dragon.  
*apologizing for his inability to appreciate  
William Morris's epic poem Sigurd the  
Volsung* (1876)
- **Dante Gabriel Rossetti** 1828–82 English  
poet and painter: Osbert Sitwell *Noble  
Essences* (1950)



- 24 *Chutzpa* is that quality enshrined in a man who, having killed his mother and father, throws himself on the mercy of the court as an orphan.  
 ▪ **Leo Rosten** 1908–97 American writer and social scientist: *The Joys of Yiddish* (1968)
- 25 *questionnaire for would-be Kings in the Wars of the Roses:*  
 What have you done with your mother?  
 (If Nun, write None.)  
 ▪ **W. C. Sellar** 1898–1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898–1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)
- 26 It is a wise father that knows his own child.  
 ▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *The Merchant of Venice* (1596–8)
- 27 My father is a bastard  
 My Ma's an S.O.B.  
 My Grandpa's always plastered  
 My Grandma pushes tea  
 My sister wears a moustache  
 My brother wears a dress  
 Goodness gracious, that's why I'm a mess.  
 ▪ **Stephen Sondheim** 1930– American songwriter: 'Gee, Officer Krupke' (1957)
- 28 The young ladies entered the drawing-room in the full fervour of sisterly animosity.  
 ▪ **R. S. Surtees** 1805–64 English sporting journalist and novelist: *Mr Sponge's Sporting Tour* (1853)
- 29 If a man's character is to be abused, say what you will, there's nobody like a relation to do the business.  
 ▪ **William Makepeace Thackeray** 1811–63 English novelist: *Vanity Fair* (1847–8)
- 30 I'm off to see if X Mansions is really razed to the ground, as I have an uncle who lives there and I know I'm in his will!  
 ▪ **Ernest Thesiger** 1879–1961 English actor: during the war; in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 31 I'm Charley's aunt from Brazil—where the nuts come from.  
 ▪ **Brandon Thomas** 1856–1914 English dramatist: *Charley's Aunt* (1892)
- 32 I suppose that the high-water mark of my youth in Columbus, Ohio, was the night the bed fell on my father.  
 ▪ **James Thurber** 1894–1961 American humorist: *My Life and Hard Times* (1933)
- 33 All happy families resemble one another, but each unhappy family is unhappy in its own way.  
 ▪ **Leo Tolstoy** 1828–1910 Russian novelist: *Anna Karenina* (1875–7)
- 34 Familiarity breeds contempt—and children.  
 ▪ **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Notebooks* (1935)
- 35 Wherever my dad is now, he's looking down on me...not because he's dead but because he is very condescending.  
 ▪ **Jack Whitehall** 1988– British comedian: comedy routine, August 2010
- 36 To lose one parent, Mr Worthing, may be regarded as a misfortune; to lose both looks like carelessness.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 37 To be born, or at any rate bred, in a hand-bag, whether it had handles or not, seems to me to display a contempt for the ordinary decencies of family life that reminds one of the worst excesses of the French Revolution.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 38 It is no use telling me that there are bad aunts and good aunts. At the core, they are all alike. Sooner or later, out pops the cloven hoof.  
 ▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Code of the Woosters* (1938)
- 39 As a rule, you see, I'm not lugged into Family Rows. On the occasions when Aunt is calling to Aunt like mastodons bellowing across primeval swamps and Uncle James's letter about Cousin Mabel's peculiar behaviour is being shot round the family circle...the clan has a tendency to ignore me.  
 ▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Inimitable Jeeves* (1923)
- 40 It was that strange, almost unearthly light which comes into the eyes of wronged uncles when they see a chance of getting a bit of their own back from erring nephews.  
 ▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *Uncle Dynamite* (1948)



# Family Life

There's no such thing as fun for the whole family. **Jerry Seinfeld**

- 1 Teenagers are God's punishment for having sex.
  - **Anonymous:** modern saying
- 2 Being constantly with children was like wearing a pair of shoes that were expensive and too small. She couldn't bear to throw them out but they gave her blisters.
  - **Beryl Bainbridge** 1934-2010 English novelist: *Injury Time* (1977)
- 3 The truth is that parents are not really interested in justice. They just want quiet.
  - **Bill Cosby** 1937- American comedian and actor: *Fatherhood* (1986)
- 4 The awe and dread with which the untutored savage contemplates his mother-in-law are amongst the most familiar facts of anthropology.
  - **James George Frazer** 1854-1941 Scottish anthropologist: *The Golden Bough* (2nd ed., 1900)
- 5 A man...is so in the way in the house!
  - **Elizabeth Gaskell** 1810-65 English novelist: *Cranford* (1853)
- 6 I was decorating, so I got out my step-ladder. I don't get on with my real ladder.
  - **Harry Hill** 1964- English comedian: attributed
- 7 Living with a teenage daughter is like living under the Taliban. Mothers are not allowed to dance, sing, flirt, laugh loudly or wear short skirts.
  - **Kathy Lette** 1958- Australian writer: *To Love, Honour and Betray* (2011)
- 8 The reason grandparents and grandchildren get along so well is that they have a common enemy.
  - **Sam Levenson** 1911-80 American humorist: attributed
- 9 One would be in less danger  
From the wiles of the stranger  
If one's own kin and kith  
Were more fun to be with.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Family Court' (1931)
- 10 My Mom said she learned how to swim when someone took her out in the lake and threw her off the boat. I said 'Mom, they weren't trying to teach you how to swim'.
  - **Paula Poundstone** 1959- American comedian: attributed
- 11 I knew I was an unwanted baby when I saw that my bath toys were a toaster and a radio.
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: *Joey Adams Roast of the Town* (1986)
- 12 There's no such thing as fun for the whole family.
  - **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: attributed
- 13 Children and zip fasteners do not respond to force...Except occasionally.
  - **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *Observations* (1970)
- 14 After a good dinner one can forgive anybody, even one's own relations.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)



# Fashion

see also **DRESS**

His socks compelled one's attention without losing one's respect. **Saki**

- 1 It is totally impossible to be well dressed in cheap shoes.
  - **Hardy Amies** 1909-2003 English couturier: *The Englishman's Suit* (1994)
- 2 **FIRST WOMAN:** Whenever I'm down in the dumps, I get myself another hat.  
**SECOND WOMAN:** I always wondered where you found them.
  - **Anonymous:** much used in pantomime scripts from the 1930s onwards
- 3 *of Asquith's first wife:*  
 She lived in Hampstead and had no clothes.
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864-1945 British political hostess: Chips Channon diary, 31 October 1937
- 4 It would be mortifying to the feelings of many ladies, could they be made to understand how little the heart of man is affected by what is costly or new in their attire.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775-1817 English novelist: *Northanger Abbey* (1818)
- 5 I never cared for fashion much. Amusing little seams and witty little pleats. It was the girls I liked.
  - **David Bailey** 1938- English photographer: in *Independent* 5 November 1990
- 6 *of Dior's New Look:*  
 Clothes by a man who doesn't know women, never had one, and dreams of being one!
  - **Coco Chanel** 1883-1971 French couturière: in *Vanity Fair* June 1994
- 7 Saint Laurent has excellent taste. The more he copies me, the better taste he displays.
  - **Coco Chanel** 1883-1971 French couturière: attributed, 1971
- 8 There are easier things in this life than being a drag queen. But, I ain't got no choice. Try as I may, I just can't walk in flats.
  - **Harvey Fierstein** 1954- American dramatist and actor: *Torch Song Trilogy* (1979)
- 9 Wearing underwear is as formal as I ever hope to get.
  - **Ernest Hemingway** 1899-1961 American novelist: A. E. Hotchner *Papa Hemingway* (1983)
- 10 My only complaint about having a father in fashion is that every time I'm about to go to bed with a guy I have to look at my dad's name all over his underwear.
  - **Marci Klein** 1967- American television producer: in *Newsweek* 17 October 1994
- 11 When anything becomes the fashion, that's the time to put a bomb under it.
  - **Joan Littlewood** 1914-2002 English theatre director: attributed, 1961
- 12 How can you expect to convert England if you use a cope like that?
  - **Augustus Welby Pugin** 1812-52 English architect and designer: to an unidentified Catholic priest; Bernard Ward *The Sequel to Catholic Emancipation* (1915)
- 13 I base my fashion sense on what doesn't itch.
  - **Gilda Radner** 1946-89 American comedian and actress: attributed
- 14 Don't wear perfume in the garden—unless you want to be pollinated by bees.
  - **Anne Raver** American journalist: in *New York Times* 21 June 1992
- 15 **PIRATE:** I'm gonna teach you the meaning of pain.  
**ELIZABETH:** You like pain? Try wearing a corset.
  - **Terry Rossio and Ted Elliott** screenwriters: *Pirates of the Caribbean* (2003 film)



- 16 I wish I had invented blue jeans.  
*on his only regret*
  - **Yves Saint Laurent** 1936–2008 French couturier: in *Ritz* no. 85 (1984)
- 17 His socks compelled one's attention without losing one's respect.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Chronicles of Clovis* (1911)
- 18 Her frocks are built in Paris, but she wears them with a strong English accent.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald* (1904)
- 19 Women dress alike all over the world: they dress to be annoying to other women.
  - **Elsa Schiaparelli** 1896–1973 Italian-born French fashion designer: attributed, c.1950
- 20 I blame the women's movement for 10 years in a boiler suit.
  - **Jill Tweedie** 1936–93 British journalist: attributed
- 21 If Botticelli were alive today he'd be working for *Vogue*.
  - **Peter Ustinov** 1921–2004 British actor, director, and writer: in *Observer* 21 October 1962 'Sayings of the Week'
- 22 I like to dress egos. If you haven't got an ego today, you can forget it.
  - **Gianni Versace** 1949–97 Italian fashion designer: in *Guardian* 16 July 1997, obituary
- 23 It is charming to totter into vogue.
  - **Horace Walpole** 1717–97 English writer and connoisseur: letter to George Selwyn, 2 December 1765
- 24 *to Ada Levenson, who with her husband visited Wilde on the morning he left Pentonville:*  
How marvellous of you to know exactly the right hat to wear at seven o'clock in the morning to meet a friend who has been away.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: Rupert Hart-Davis (ed.) *Selected Letters of Oscar Wilde* (1979)

# Feminism

see also **WOMEN**

Militant feminists, I take my hat off to them. They don't like that. **Milton Jones**

- 1 Women who seek to be equal to men lack ambition.
  - **Anonymous:** feminist slogan, c. 1980, sometimes wrongly attributed to Marilyn Monroe
- 2 The suffragettes were triumphant. Woman's place was in the gaol.
  - **Caryl Brahms** 1901–82 and **S. J. Simon** 1904–48: *No Nightingales* (1944)
- 3 A good part—and definitely the most fun part—of being a feminist is about frightening men.
  - **Julie Burchill** 1960– English journalist and writer: in *Time Out* 16 November 1989
- 4 The feminist movement seems to have beaten the manners out of men, but I didn't see them put up a lot of resistance.
  - **Clarissa Dickson Wright** 1947–2014 English chef and broadcaster: in *Mail on Sunday* 24 September 2000 'Quotes of the Week'
- 5 Make policy, not coffee.
  - **Betty Friedan** 1921–2006 American feminist: slogan for the National Organisation for Women's Political Caucus, 1971
- 6 Women go to so much trouble yet accept a man's pot belly, warts, bad breath, wind, stubble, baldness and ugliness.
  - **Germaine Greer** 1939– Australian feminist: Graham Jones *I Don't Hate Men, But–; I Don't Hate Women, But–* (1986)



- 7 Militant feminists, I take my hat off to them. They don't like that.
  - **Milton Jones** 1964- English comedian: attributed
- 8 **BETTY FRIEDAN**: Don't you hate women being treated as a sexual plaything?  
**JESSICA MITFORD**: But Betty, you're not a plaything, you're a war toy!
  - **Jessica Mitford** 1917-96 British writer: attributed; in *Guardian* 7 February 2006
- 9 Batman doesn't want a baby in order to feel he's 'done everything'. He's just saved Gotham again! If this means that Batman must be a feminist role model...then so be it.
  - **Caitlin Moran** 1975- English journalist: *How to Be a Woman* (2012)
- 10 Feminism is the result of a few ignorant and literal-minded women letting the cat out of the bag about which is the superior sex.
  - **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)
- 11 God made man and then said I can do better than *that* and made woman.
  - **Adela Rogers St Johns** 1894-1988 American journalist: *Some Are Born Great* (1974)
- 12 We can't reduce women to equality. Equality is a step down for most women.
  - **Phyllis Schlafly** 1924- American lawyer: attributed, early 1970s
- 13 Like every good little feminist-in-training in the sixties, I burned my bra—and now it's the nineties and I realize Playtex had supported me better than any man I have ever known.
  - **Susan Sweetzer**: *Amanda Newman Women are from Venus, Men are from Hell* (1999)
- 14 The Queen is most anxious to enlist every one who can speak or write to join in checking this mad, wicked folly of 'Woman's Rights', with all its attendant horrors, on which her poor feeble sex is bent, forgetting every sense of womanly feeling and propriety.
  - **Victoria** 1819-1901 British queen: letter to Theodore Martin, 29 May 1870
- 15 I myself have never been able to find out precisely what feminism is: I only know that people call me a feminist whenever I express sentiments that differentiate me from a doormat or a prostitute.
  - **Rebecca West** 1892-1983 English novelist and journalist: in 1913; *The Young Rebecca* (1982)

## Film

see also **CINEMA, FILM PRODUCERS, FILM STARS**

*It's more than magnificent, it's mediocre.*

**Sam Goldwyn**

- 1 Several tons of dynamite are set off in this picture [*Tycoon*]; none of it under the right people.
  - **James Agee** 1909-55 American writer: in *The Nation* 14 February 1948
- 2 We didn't need dialogue. We had faces. *on silent films*
  - **Charles Brackett** 1892-1969 and **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 screenwriters: *Sunset Boulevard* (1950 film, with D. M. Marshman Jr), spoken by Gloria Swanson as Norma Desmond
- 3 *Adolph Zukor had protested at the escalating costs of The Ten Commandments: What do you want me to do? Stop*
  - shooting now and release it as *The Five Commandments*?
    - **Cecil B. De Mille** 1881-1959 American film producer: *M. LeRoy Take One* (1974)
- 4 Let's bring it up to date with some snappy 19th-century dialogue.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: *King Vidor A Tree is a Tree* (1953)
- 5 *of one of his own films:*  
*It's more than magnificent, it's mediocre.*
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 6 **GOLDWYN**: I hope you didn't think it was too blood and thirsty.



- THURBER: Not only did I think so but I was horror and struck.  
*of The Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Goldwyn's 1947 film of Thurber's story*
- **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Michael Freedland *The Goldwyn Touch* (1986)
- 7 It would have been cheaper to lower the Atlantic!  
*of the disaster movie Raise the Titanic*
- **Lew Grade** 1906-98 British television producer and executive: *Still Dancing: My Story* (1987)
- 8 I'm not [biting my fingernails]. I'm biting my knuckles. I finished the fingernails months ago.
- **Joseph L. Mankiewicz** 1909-93 American screenwriter, producer, and director: while directing Elizabeth Taylor in *Cleopatra* (1963); Dick Sheppard *Elizabeth* (1975)
- 9 Anything but Beethoven. Nobody wants to see a movie about a blind composer.
- **Jack Warner** 1892-1978 Canadian-born American film producer: J. Lawrence Actor (1975)
- 10 I didn't have to act in 'Tarzan, the Ape Man'—just said, 'Me Tarzan, you Jane.'
- **Johnny Weissmuller** 1904-84 American film actor: in *Photoplay Magazine* June 1932 (the words 'Me Tarzan, you Jane' do not occur in the 1932 film)
- 11 *asking Graham Greene to give a final polish to a rewrite of the last part of the screenplay for Ben Hur:*  
 You see, we find a kind of anticlimax after the Crucifixion.
- **Sam Zimbalist** 1904-58 American film producer: Graham Greene *Ways of Escape* (1980)

## Film Producers and Directors

see also **CINEMA, FILM**

If I made *Cinderella*, the audience would immediately be looking for a body in the coach. **Alfred Hitchcock**

- 1 Cecil B. de Mille  
 Rather against his will,  
 Was persuaded to leave Moses  
 Out of 'The Wars of the Roses'.  
 ▪ **Nicholas Bentley** 1907-78 English writer and illustrator: 'Cecil B. de Mille' (1938)
- 2 Ah don't believe Ah know which pictures are yours. Do you make the Mickey Mouse brand?  
*to Irving Thalberg*  
 ▪ **William Faulkner** 1897-1962 American novelist: Max Wilk *The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972)
- 3 *resigning from the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America in 1933:*  
 Gentlemen, include me out.  
 ▪ **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Michael Freedland *The Goldwyn Touch* (1986)
- 4 PRODUCTION ASSISTANT: But Mr Goldwyn, you said you wanted a spectacle.  
 GOLDWYN: Yes, but goddam it, I wanted an intimate spectacle!  
 ▪ **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 5 That's the way with these directors, they're always biting the hand that lays the golden egg.  
 ▪ **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Alva Johnston *The Great Goldwyn* (1937)
- 6 Hitchcock was more careful about how the birds were treated than he was about me. I was just there to be pecked.  
*on the filming of The Birds*  
 ▪ **Tippi Hedren** 1930- American actress: Charlotte Chandler *It's Only A Movie: Alfred Hitchcock* (2005)



- 7 A pig in a silk suit who sends flowers.  
*of Sam Spiegel*
  - **Katharine Hepburn** 1907-2003 American actress: Natasha Fraser-Cavassoni *Sam Spiegel* (2003)
- 8 If I made Cinderella, the audience would immediately be looking for a body in the coach.
  - **Alfred Hitchcock** 1899-1980 British-born film director: in *Newsweek* 11 June 1956
- 9 I can't tell you [the perfect ending to a script]...I thought of the answer after 5.30.  
*to Jack Warner, who imposed a strict nine-to-five-thirty schedule on his scriptwriters*
  - **Norman Krasna** 1909-84 American screenwriter: M. Freedland *Warner Brothers* (1983)
- 10 Jack Warner has oilcloth pockets so he can steal soup.
  - **Wilson Mizner** 1876-1933 American dramatist: Max Wilk *The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972)
- 11 He decided to make it [*Daisy Miller*] exactly as it stood; he crammed James's words into Cybill's mouth like fish into a letterbox.  
*on Peter Bogdanovich*
  - **Frederic Raphael** 1931- British novelist and screenwriter: *Cuts and Bruises: Personal Terms* 3 (2006)
- 12 Tsar of all the rushes.  
*of Louis B. Mayer*
  - **B. P. Schulberg** 1892-1957 American film producer: Norman Zierold *The Hollywood Tycoons* (1969)
- 13 Once a month the sky falls on my head, I come to, and I see another movie I want to make.
  - **Steven Spielberg** 1947- American film director and producer: in *Time* 8 June 1998
- 14 *on Roman Polanski:*  
The four foot Pole you wouldn't want to touch with a ten foot pole.
  - **Kenneth Tynan** 1927-80 English theatre critic: *Halliwel's Who's Who in the Movies* (2001)
- 15 To Raoul Walsh a tender love scene is burning down a whorehouse.
  - **Jack Warner** 1892-1978 Canadian-born American film producer: P. F. Boller and R. L. Davis *Hollywood Anecdotes* (1988)
- 16 I like the old masters, by which I mean John Ford, John Ford, and John Ford.
  - **Orson Welles** 1915-85 American actor and film director: P. F. Boller and R. L. Davis *Hollywood Anecdotes* (1988)
- 17 Johnny, it's the usual slashed-wrist shot...Keep it out of focus. I want to win the foreign picture award.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: to his lighting cameraman, John Seitz, when filming *Sunset Boulevard* (1950); P. F. Boller and R. L. Davis *Hollywood Anecdotes* (1988)
- 18 A modern-day Robin Hood, who steals from the rich and steals from the poor.  
*of Sam Spiegel*
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: Natasha Fraser-Cavassoni *Sam Spiegel* (2003)
- 19 ANONYMOUS: What is an associate producer?  
BILLY WILDER: Anybody who's prepared to associate with a producer.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: attributed
- 20 The first nine commandments for a director are 'Thou shalt not bore.' The tenth is 'Thou shalt have the right of final cut.'
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 21 An actor entering through the door, you've got nothing. But if he enters through the window, you've got a situation.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: attributed



# Film Stars

see also **CINEMA, FILM**

It's not what I do, but the way I do it. It's not what I say, but the way I say it.

**Mae West**

- 1 Can't act. Slightly bald. Also dances.  
*studio official's comment on Fred Astaire*  
▪ **Anonymous:** Bob Thomas *Astaire* (1985)
- 2 They used to shoot her through gauze.  
You should shoot me through linoleum.  
*on Shirley Temple*  
▪ **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: attributed
- 3 **JOE GILLIS:** You used to be in pictures.  
You used to be big.  
**NORMA DESMOND:** I am big. It's the pictures that got small.  
▪ **Charles Brackett** 1892-1969 and **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 screenwriters: *Sunset Boulevard* (1950 film)
- 4 *of Greta Garbo:*  
A rather boring old Swede, but luckily she loves doing the washing-up.  
▪ **Gladys Cooper** 1888-1971 English actress: Sheridan Morley *Asking for Trouble* (2002)
- 5 Like watching an affair between a mad rocking-horse and a rawhide suitcase.  
*of Jeanette MacDonald and Nelson Eddy in the film of his Bitter Sweet*  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: diary 1 July 1946
- 6 *asked what it was like to kiss Marilyn Monroe:*  
It's like kissing Hitler.  
▪ **Tony Curtis** 1925-2010 American actor: A. Hunter *Tony Curtis* (1985)
- 7 Nowadays Mitchum doesn't so much act as point his suit at people.  
▪ **Russell Davies** 1946- British journalist: in *Sunday Times* 18 September 1983
- 8 *during the making of Lifeboat in 1944, Mary Anderson asked Hitchcock what he thought her 'best side' for photography was:*  
My dear, you're sitting on it.  
▪ **Alfred Hitchcock** 1899-1980 British-born film director: D. Spoto *Life of Alfred Hitchcock* (1983)
- 9 That man's ears make him look like a taxi-cab with both doors open.  
*of Clark Gable*  
▪ **Howard Hughes Jr.** 1905-76 American businessman and film producer: Charles Higham and Joel Greenberg *Celluloid Muse* (1969)
- 10 She is a phenomenon of nature, like Niagara Falls or the Grand Canyon. You can't talk to it. It can't talk to you. All you can do is stand back and be awed by it.  
*of Marilyn Monroe*  
▪ **Nunnally Johnson** 1897-1977 American film producer: Peter Harry Brown and Patte B. Barham *Marilyn, the Last Take* (1990)
- 11 *approaching an unwelcoming Greta Garbo and peering up under the brim of her floppy hat:*  
Pardon me, Ma'am...I thought you were a guy I knew in Pittsburgh.  
▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: David Niven *Bring on the Empty Horses* (1975)
- 12 *asked if she really had nothing on in a calendar photograph:*  
I had the radio on.  
▪ **Marilyn Monroe** 1926-62 American actress: in *Time* 11 August 1952
- 13 Elizabeth [Taylor] is a wonderful movie actress: she has a deal with the film lab—she gets better in the bath overnight.  
▪ **Mike Nichols** 1931- American film director: in *Vanity Fair* June 1994
- 14 Wet, she was a star—dry she ain't.  
*of the swimmer Esther Williams and her 1940s film career*  
▪ **Joe Pasternak** 1901-91 American film producer: attributed
- 15 *on hearing that Ronald Reagan was seeking nomination as Governor of California:*  
No, no. Jimmy Stewart for governor—



Reagan for his best friend.

- **Jack Warner** 1892-1978 Canadian-born American film producer: Max Wilk *The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972)

- 16 It's not what I do, but the way I do it.  
It's not what I say, but the way I say it.
- **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress: G. Eells and S. Musgrove *Mae West* (1989)

- 17 on Marilyn Monroe's unpunctuality:  
My Aunt Minnie would always be punctual and never hold up production, but who would pay to see my Aunt Minnie?

- **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: P. F. Boller and R. L. Davis *Hollywood Anecdotes* (1988)

## Fishing

I love fishing. It's like transcendental meditation with a punch-line. **Billy Connolly**

- 1 If fishing is a religion, fly fishing is high church.

- **Tom Brokaw** 1940- American journalist: in *International Herald Tribune* 10 September 1991

- 2 I love fishing. It's like transcendental meditation with a punch-line.

- **Billy Connolly** 1942- Scottish comedian: *Gullible's Travels* (1982)

- 3 Fishing is unquestionably a form of madness but, happily, for the once-bitten there is no cure.

- **Lord Home** 1903-95 British Conservative statesman: *The Way the Wind Blows* (1976)

- 4 Fly fishing may be a very pleasant amusement; but angling or float fishing

I can only compare to a stick and a string, with a worm at one end and a fool at the other.

- **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: attributed; Hawker *Instructions to Young Sportsmen* (1859); also attributed to Jonathan Swift

- 5 It is to be observed that 'angling' is the name given to fishing by people who can't fish.

- **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: attributed

- 6 It has always been my private conviction that any man who pits his intelligence against a fish and loses has it coming.

- **John Steinbeck** 1902-68 American novelist: in *Punch* 25 August 1954

## Flattery see PRAISE AND FLATTERY

## Flying

There's nothing like an airport for bringing you down to earth. **Richard Gordon**

- 1 Airline travel is hours of boredom interrupted by moments of stark terror.

- **Al Boliska** Canadian broadcaster: Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for our Time* (1977)

- 2 There's nothing like an airport for bringing you down to earth.

- **Richard Gordon** 1921- English surgeon: *Doctor in the Swim* (1962)

- 3 My inclination to go by the Air Express is confirmed by the crash they had yesterday, which will make them more careful in the immediate future.

- **A. E. Housman** 1859-1936 English poet: letter, 17 August 1920

- 4 I feel about airplanes the way I feel about diets. It seems to me that they are



wonderful things for other people to go on.

- **Jean Kerr** 1923–2003 American writer: *The Snake Has All the Lines* (1958)

5 I'm always amazed to hear of air crash victims so badly mutilated that they have to be identified by their dental records. What I can't understand is, if they don't know who you are, how do they know who your dentist is?

- **Paul Merton** 1957– English comedian: attributed

6 You know the oxygen masks on airplanes? I don't think there's really

any oxygen. They're just to muffle the screams.

- **Rita Rudner** 1953– American comedienne and writer: attributed

7 *on airline food:*

The shiny stuff is tomatoes.

The salad lies in a group.

The curly stuff is potatoes,

The stuff that moves is soup.

Anything that is white is sweet,

Anything that is brown is meat.

Anything that is grey—don't eat.

- **Stephen Sondheim** 1930– American songwriter: 'Do I Hear a Waltz?' (1965)

# Food

see also **COOKERY, DIETS**

Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education. **Mark Twain**

1 I will not eat oysters. I want my food dead—not sick, not wounded—dead.

- **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: attributed

2 *Daphne offers to cook for Niles and Maris:*  
NILES: Just bear in mind: she can't have shellfish, poultry, red meat, saturated fats, nitrates, wheat, starch, sulphites, MSG or dairy...Did I say nuts?

FRASIER: Oh, I think that's implied!

- **David Angell** 1946–2001, **Peter Casey**, and **David Lee** American television producers: *Frasier* (NBC TV, 1994) 'A Mid-Winter Night's Dream', written by Chuck Ranberg and Anne Flett-Giordano; spoken by David Hyde Pierce and Kelsey Grammer

3 *dining with her Cabinet:*

MRS THATCHER: Steak.

WAITER: And the vegetables?

MRS THATCHER: Oh, they'll have steak too.

- **Anonymous:** *Spitting Image* ITV

4 Shake and shake  
The catsup bottle,  
None will come,

And then a lot'll.

- **Richard Armour** 1906–89 American writer: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)

5 You realise tinned food is just for crackheads and wars?

- **Jesse Armstrong** and **Sam Bain** 1971– British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2003), spoken by Robert Webb as Jez

6 Frosties are just cornflakes for people who can't deal with reality.

- **Jesse Armstrong** and **Sam Bain** 1971– British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2005), spoken by David Mitchell as Mark

7 *making toast for breakfast:*

Brown for first course, white for pudding. Brown's the savoury and white's the treat.

- **Jesse Armstrong** and **Sam Bain** 1971– British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2003), spoken by David Mitchell as Mark

8 There's no such thing as a little garlic.

- **Arthur Baer** 1886–1969 American journalist: Frank Muir *The Frank Muir Book* (1976)



- 9 *Snails*. I find this a somewhat disturbing dish, but the sauce is divine. What I do is order escargots, and tell them to 'hold' the snails.  
Miss Piggy's view
  - **Henry Beard** 1945– American humorist: *Miss Piggy's Guide to Life* (1981)
- 10 A gourmet who thinks of calories is like a tart who looks at her watch.
  - **James Beard** 1903–85 American chef: attributed
- 11 A gourmet can tell from the flavour whether a woodcock's leg is the one on which the bird is accustomed to roost.
  - **Lucius Beebe** 1902–66 American writer: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 12 *of a woman on Cape Cod*:  
She ate so many clams that her stomach rose and fell with the tide.
  - **Helen Choate Bell** American socialite: Louis Kronenberger *The Cutting Edge* (1970)
- 13 One of the sauces which serve the French in place of a state religion.  
*on mayonnaise*
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary* (1967)
- 14 I've always thought Alfred showed a marked lack of ingenuity over cakes—why didn't he cut off the burnt bits, and ice the rest?
  - **Madeline Bingham** English writer: *Something's Burning: The Bad Cook's Guide* (1968)
- 15 *from the recipe for Skid Road Stroganoff*:  
Add the flour, salt, paprika, and mushrooms, stir, and let it cook five minutes while you light a cigarette and stare sullenly at the sink.
  - **Peg Bracken** 1918–2007 American writer: *The 'I Hate to Cook' Book* (1960)
- 16 *of pepper*:  
Always be sure it's coarse-ground, because a lot of people feel that anything that's peppered should look as though it had been fished out of a gravel pit.
  - **Peg Bracken** 1918–2007 American writer: *The 'I Hate to Cook' Book* (1960)
- 17 *asked if he liked vegetables*:  
I don't know. I have never eaten them... No, that is not quite true. I once ate a pea.
  - **Beau Brummell** 1778–1840 English dandy: Lewis Melville *Beau Brummell* (1924)
- 18 I'm President of the United States, and I'm not going to eat any more broccoli!
  - **George Bush** 1924– American Republican statesman: in *New York Times* 23 March 1990
- 19 If you are afraid of butter, use cream.
  - **Julia Child** 1912–2004 American cook: attributed but almost certainly apocryphal, deriving from a description of Child's cookery in Julie Powell's obituary notice in *New York Times* 18 August 2004
- 20 I never see an egg brought on my table but I feel penetrated with the wonderful change it would have undergone but for my gluttony; it might have been a gentle useful hen, leading her chickens with a care and vigilance which speaks shame to many women.
  - **St John de Crèvecoeur** 1735–1813 French-born American writer: *Letters from an American Farmer* (1782)
- 21 Peanuts! What's happened to peanuts! Now every bugger's allergic to peanuts. It's true, you open a packet of peanuts now and a bunch of five year olds in a five mile radius slam to the floor jabbing themselves with fucking adrenaline.
  - **Lee Evans** 1964– English comedian: attributed
- 22 [Cheese is] milk's leap toward immortality.
  - **Clifton Fadiman** 1904–99 American critic: *Any Number Can Play* (1957)
- 23 Roast Beef, Medium, is not only a food. It is a philosophy.
  - **Edna Ferber** 1887–1968 American writer: foreword to *Roast Beef, Medium* (1911)
- 24 Of soup and love, the first is the best.
  - **Thomas Fuller** 1654–1734 English writer and physician: *Gnomologia* (1732)
- 25 It takes some skill to spoil a breakfast—even the English can't do it.
  - **J. K. Galbraith** 1908–2006 Canadian-born American economist: *Ambassador's Journal* (1969)



- 26 Donuts. Is there anything they *can't* do?  
*Homer Simpson*
- **Matt Groening** 1954- American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* 'Marge vs the Monorail' (2002), written by Conan O'Brien
- 27 'For what we are about to receive,  
Oh Lord, 'tis Thee we thank,'  
Said the cannibal as he cut a slice  
Of the missionary's shank.
- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'The Realist' (1965)
- 28 I ate his liver with some fava beans and  
a nice chianti.
- **Thomas Harris** 1940- and **Ted Tally** 1952- screenwriters: *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991 film)
- 29 Oh, I was down by Manly Pier  
Drinking tubes of ice-cold beer  
With a bucket full of prawns upon me  
knee.  
But when I'd swallowed the last prawn  
I had a technicolour yawn  
And I chundered in the old Pacific sea.
- **Barry Humphries** 1934- Australian actor and writer: 'Chunder Down Under' (1964)
- 30 Vegetarianism is harmless enough,  
though it is apt to fill a man with wind  
and self-righteousness.
- **Robert Hutchinson** 1871-1960 Scottish physician: address to the British Medical Association, Winnipeg, 1930
- 31 What proper man would plump for bints  
Ahead of After-Eight thin mints?  
True pleasure for a man of parts  
Is tarts in him, not him in tarts.
- **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: *Ned Sherrin Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 32 Garlic bread—it's the future, I've tasted it.  
*Brian Potter envisages a reborn Phoenix Club*
- **Peter Kay** 1973- British comedian: *Phoenix Nights* 'Brian Gets Everyone Back Together' (Series 2, 2002)
- 33 It has nothing to do with frogs' legs. No  
amphibian is harmed in the making of  
this dish.  
*explaining toad-in-the-hole to an American audience*
- **Nigella Lawson** 1960- British journalist and cookery writer: in *Sunday Times* 6 October 2002
- 34 Large, naked, raw carrots are acceptable  
as food only to those who live in  
hutches eagerly awaiting Easter.
- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)
- 35 *her anti-aging secrets:*  
A love of life, spaghetti and the odd  
bath in virgin olive oil. Everything  
I have I owe to spaghetti.
- **Sophia Loren** 1934- Italian actress: in *Sunday Times* 28 August 2005
- 36 The piece of cod passeth all  
understanding.
- **Edwin Lutyens** 1869-1944 English architect: Robert Lutyens *Sir Edwin Lutyens* (1942)
- 37 You are offered a piece of bread  
and butter that feels like a damp  
handkerchief and sometimes, when  
cucumber is added to it, like a wet one.
- **Compton Mackenzie** 1883-1972 English novelist: *Vestal Fire* (1927)
- 38 It's all right, the white wine came up  
with the fish.  
*at a formal dinner at the home of the producer Arthur Hornblow Jr., having left the dinner table to be sick*
- **Herman J. Mankiewicz** 1897-1953 American screenwriter: *Max Wilk The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972); also claimed by Howard Dietz
- 39 For those who want to eat efficiently,  
God made the banana, complete with  
its own colour-co-ordinated carrying  
case.
- **Judith Martin** 1938- American journalist: *Miss Manners' Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behaviour, Freshly Updated* (2005)
- 40 People often feed the hungry so  
that nothing may disturb their own  
enjoyment of a good meal.
- **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1896
- 41 *to a friend who had said that he hated English food:*  
All you have to do is eat breakfast three  
times a day.
- **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *Ted Morgan Somerset Maugham* (1980)



- 42 *on having matzo balls for the third time at Arthur Miller's parents:*  
Isn't there any other part of the matzo you can eat?  
▪ **Marilyn Monroe** 1926-62 American actress: attributed
- 43 No man is lonely eating spaghetti; it requires so much attention.  
▪ **Christopher Morley** 1890-1957 American writer: attributed
- 44 Parsley  
Is gharsley.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Further Reflections on Parsley' (1942)
- 45 I understand the big food companies are developing a tearless onion. I think they can do it—after all, they've already given us tasteless bread.  
▪ **Robert Orben** 1927- American comedy writer: attributed
- 46 Never serve oysters in a month that has no paycheck in it.  
▪ **P.J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *The Bachelor Home Companion* (1987)
- 47 A fruit is a vegetable with looks and money. Plus, if you let fruit rot, it turns into wine, something Brussels sprouts never do.  
▪ **P.J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *The Bachelor's Home Companion* (1987)
- 48 I like the *philosophy* of the sandwich, as it were. It typifies my attitude to life, really. It's all there, it's fun, it looks good, and you don't have to wash up afterwards.  
▪ **Molly Parkin** 1932- Welsh writer: attributed
- 49 The mountain sheep are sweeter,  
But the valley sheep are fatter;  
We therefore deemed it meeter  
To carry off the latter.  
▪ **Thomas Love Peacock** 1785-1866 English novelist and poet: 'The War-Song of Dinas Vawr' (1823)
- 50 Cheese. Shropshire Blue—it's so high in calorific content you need only rub against it, and that's enough.  
*on why he is so large*  
▪ **Eric Pickles** 1952- British Conservative politician: in *Daily Mail* 4 February 2013
- 51 I've had a taste of society  
And society has had a taste of me.  
*the oyster ending up back in the sea after a day of social climbing*  
▪ **Cole Porter** 1891-1964 American songwriter: 'The Tale of the Oyster' (1929)
- 52 Dinner at the Huntercombes' possessed 'only two dramatic features—the wine was a farce and the food a tragedy'.  
▪ **Anthony Powell** 1905-2000 English novelist: *The Acceptance World* (1955)
- 53 Any domestic food store, raided furtively in the middle of the night, always contains, no matter what its daytime inventory, half a jar of elderly mayonnaise, a piece of very old cheese, and a tomato with white mould growing on it.  
▪ **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Mort* (1987)
- 54 Botticelli isn't a wine, you Juggins!  
Botticelli's a *cheese*!  
▪ **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 106 (1894)
- 55 BISHOP: I'm afraid you've got a bad egg, Mr Jones.  
CURATE: Oh no, my Lord, I assure you! Parts of it are excellent!  
▪ **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 109 (1895)
- 56 Cheese it is a peevish elf  
It digests all things but itself.  
▪ **John Ray** 1627-1705 English naturalist: *English Proverbs* (1670)
- 57 Does your chewing-gum lose its flavour on the bedpost overnight?  
▪ **Billy Rose** 1899-1966 and **Marty Bloom** American songwriters: 'Does the spearmint lose its flavour on the bedpost overnight?' (1924 song) as revived by British musician Lonnie Donegan (1931-2002) in 1959
- 58 OSCAR: I got brown sandwiches and green sandwiches... Well, what do you say?  
MURRAY: What's the green?  
OSCAR: It's either very new cheese or very old meat.  
▪ **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *The Odd Couple* (1966)



- 59 If there is a pure and elevated pleasure in this world it is a roast pheasant with bread sauce. Barn door fowls for dissenters but for the real Churchman, the thirty-nine times articulated clerk—the pheasant, the pheasant.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: letter to R. H. Barham, 15 November 1841
- 60 Madam, I have been looking for a person who disliked gravy all my life; let us swear eternal friendship.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 61 Shepherd's pie peppered with actual shepherd on top.  
*one of Mrs Lovett's variations on Sweeney Todd's human meat pies*
- **Stephen Sondheim** 1930– American songwriter: 'A Little Priest' (1979)
- 62 Cauliflower is nothing but cabbage with a college education.
- **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Pudd'nhead Wilson* (1894)
- 63 Beulah, peel me a grape.
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: in *I'm No Angel* (1933 film)
- 64 MOTHER: It's broccoli, dear.  
CHILD: I say it's spinach, and I say the hell with it.
- **E. B. White** 1899–1985 American humorist: cartoon caption in *New Yorker* 8 December 1928
- 65 An egg is always an adventure.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: Laurence Housman *Echo de Paris: A Study from Life* (1923)
- 66 When I ask for a watercress sandwich, I do not mean a loaf with a field in the middle of it.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: Max Beerbohm letter to Reggie Turner, 15 April 1893
- 67 I was so darned sorry for poor old Corky that I hadn't the heart to touch my breakfast. I told Jeeves to drink it himself.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: *My Man Jeeves* (1919)
- 68 One doughnut doesn't do a thing. You've got to eat 20 a day for five weeks before you get results.  
*on plumping up to play Bridget Jones*
- **Renee Zellweger** 1969– American actress: in *Mail on Sunday* 15 June 2003

# Foolishness

see also **IGNORANCE**

A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married. **H. L. Mencken**

- New Year Resolutions*
  - To refrain from saying witty, unkind things, unless they are really witty and irreparably damaging.
  - To tolerate fools more gladly, provided this does not encourage them to take up more of my time.
  - **James Agate** 1877–1947 British drama critic and novelist: diary 2 January 1942
- I sometimes wonder if the manufacturers of foolproof items keep a fool or two on their payroll to test things.
  - **Alan Coren** 1938–2007 English humorist: *Seems Like Old Times* (1989)
- How much a dunce that has been sent to roam  
Excels a dunce that has been kept at home?
  - **William Cowper** 1731–1800 English poet: 'The Progress of Error' (1782)
- Two things are infinite, the universe and human stupidity, and I am not yet completely sure about the universe.
  - **Albert Einstein** 1879–1955 German-born theoretical physicist: attributed; Frederick S. Perls *In and Out the Garbage Pail* (1969)
- The idiot who praises, with enthusiastic tone,



- All centuries but this, and every country but his own.
- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *The Mikado* (1885)
- 6 Every man is a damn fool for at least five minutes every day. Wisdom consists in not exceeding that limit.
    - **Elbert Hubbard** 1859–1915 American writer: Dale Carnegie *How to Stop Worrying and Start Living* (1948); Hubbard's own words in *The Fra* (1909) were 'even the best men are locoed logically half an hour every day...'
  - 7 Chicolini here may talk like an idiot, and look like an idiot, but don't let that fool you: he really is an idiot.
    - **Bert Kalmar** 1884–1947 and others screenwriters: *Duck Soup* (1933 film), spoken by Groucho Marx as Rufus T. Firefly
  - 8 I could name eight people—half of those eight are barmy. How many apples short of a picnic?  
*on his Tory critics*
    - **John Major** 1943– British Conservative statesman: comment, 19 September 1993
  - 9 A man may be a fool and not know it, but not if he is married.
    - **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
  - 10 After you'd known Christine for any length of time, you found yourself fighting a desire to look into her ear to see if you could spot daylight coming the other way.
    - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Maskerade* (1995)
  - 11 *Sheridan's son Tom announced that when he became an MP he would proclaim his independence of party by writing 'To Let' on his forehead:*  
And, under that, Tom, write 'unfurnished'.
    - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: Walter Jerrold *Bon-Mots* (1893)
  - 12 'A soldier,' cried my Uncle Toby, interrupting the corporal, 'is no more exempt from saying a foolish thing, Trim, than a man of letters.'—'But not so often, an' please your honour,' replied the corporal.
    - **Laurence Sterne** 1713–68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759–67)
  - 13 How haughtily he lifts his nose, To tell what every schoolboy knows.
    - **Jonathan Swift** 1667–1745 Irish poet and satirist: 'The Journal' (1727)
  - 14 Hain't we got all the fools in town on our side? and ain't that a big enough majority in any town?
    - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* (1884)

# Football

see also **SPORTS**

Football is a simple game; 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the Germans win. **Gary Lineker**

- 1 Why is there only one ball for 22 players? If you gave a ball to each of them, they'd stop fighting for it.  
*comment of a football widow, posted on an anti-World Cup website*
  - **Anonymous**: in *Daily Telegraph* 28 December 1998 'Sporting Quotes of the Year'
- 2 George Best was often told by Matt Busby not to bother to turn up for Busby's team talks to Manchester United:  
It wasn't worth his coming. It was a very simple team talk. All I used to say was: 'Whenever possible, give the ball to George.'
- **Matt Busby** 1909–94 Scottish football manager: Michael Parkinson *Sporting Lives* (1993)



- 3 *on meetings with players:*  
We talk about it for 20 minutes and then we decide I was right.  
▪ **Brian Clough** 1935-2004 English football manager: attributed; in *Channel 4 News* 20 September 2004 (online edition)
- 4 Football's football; if that weren't the case, it wouldn't be the game it is.  
▪ **Garth Crooks** 1958- English football player: Barry Fantoni (ed.) *Private Eye's Colemanballs* 2 (1984)
- 5 United will no longer be a football club, it will be a giant Old Trafford fruit machine.  
▪ **Tommy Docherty** 1928- Scottish football manager: in *Mail on Sunday* 13 September 1998 'Quotes of the Week'
- 6 *of Stan Bowles:*  
If only he could pass a betting shop like he does a football.  
▪ **Reg Drury** 1928-2003 English journalist: in *Times* 28 June 2003 (obituary)
- 7 Football, wherein is nothing but beastly fury, and extreme violence, whereof proceedeth hurt, and consequently rancour and malice do remain with them that be wounded.  
▪ **Thomas Elyot** 1499-1546 English diplomatist and writer: *Book of the Governor* (1531)
- 8 *when asked by Sir Stanley Rous whether she thought anyone had played well in a particularly dull football Cup Final:*  
Yes, the band.  
▪ **Elizabeth II** 1926- British queen: attributed; Michèle Brown and Ann O'Connor *Hammer and Tongues* (1986)
- 9 The only thing that Norwich didn't get was the goal that they finally got.  
▪ **Jimmy Greaves** 1940- English footballer: Barry Fantoni (ed.) *Private Eye's Colemanballs* 2 (1984)
- 10 The natural state of the football fan is bitter disappointment, no matter what the score.  
▪ **Nick Hornby** 1957- British novelist and journalist: *Fever Pitch* (1992)
- 11 I don't think some of the people who come to Old Trafford can spell football, never mind understand it.  
▪ **Roy Keane** 1971- Irish football player and manager: in *Belfast Telegraph* 9 November 2000
- 12 The nice aspect about football is that, if things go wrong, it's the manager who gets the blame.  
*before his first match as captain of England*  
▪ **Gary Lineker** 1960- English footballer: in *Independent* 12 September 1990
- 13 Football is a simple game; 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes and at the end, the Germans win.  
▪ **Gary Lineker** 1960- English footballer: attributed
- 14 Oh, he's football crazy, he's football mad  
And the football it has robbed him o'  
the wee bit sense he had.  
And it would take a dozen skivvies, his clothes to wash and scrub,  
Since our Jock became a member of that terrible football club.  
▪ **Jimmy McGregor** 1930- Scottish singer: 'Football Crazy' (1960)
- 15 What's a geriatric? A German footballer scoring three goals.  
▪ **Bob Monkhouse** 1928-2003 English entertainer: attributed; in *BBC News* (UK edition, online) 29 December 2003
- 16 I think football would become an even better game if someone could invent a ball that kicks back.  
▪ **Eric Morecambe** 1926-84 English comedian: attributed
- 17 Nobody cares if Le Saux is gay or not. It is the fact that he openly admits to reading *The Guardian* that makes him the most reviled man in football.  
▪ **Piers Morgan** 1965- English journalist: letter to *Guardian*, 5 March 1999
- 18 To say that these men paid their shillings to watch twenty-two hirelings kick a ball is merely to say that a violin is wood and catgut, that *Hamlet* is so much paper and ink. For a shilling the Bruddersford United AFC offered you Conflict and Art.  
▪ **J. B. Priestley** 1894-1984 English novelist, dramatist, and critic: *Good Companions* (1929)



- 19 We didn't underestimate them. They were a lot better than we thought.  
*on Cameroon's football team*
  - **Bobby Robson** 1933-2009 English footballer and manager: in *Guardian* 24 December 1990 'Sports Quotes of the Year'
- 20 The first ninety minutes are the most important.
  - **Bobby Robson** 1933-2009 English footballer and manager: attributed
- 21 Some people think football is a matter of life and death...I can assure them it is much more serious than that.
  - **Bill Shankly** 1913-81 Scottish footballer and football manager: in *Guardian* 24 December 1973 'Sports Quotes of the Year'
- 22 [Gary Lineker is] the Queen Mother of football.
  - **Arthur Smith** 1954- and **Chris England**: *An Evening with Gary Lineker* (1990)
- 23 The English football team—brilliant on paper, shit on grass.
  - **Arthur Smith** 1954- and **Chris England**: *An Evening with Gary Lineker* (1990)
- 24 Football and cookery are the two most important subjects in the country.  
*having been appointed a director of Norwich City football club*
  - **Delia Smith** 1941- English cookery expert: in *Observer* 23 February 1997 'Said and Done'
- 25 REPORTER: So, Gordon, in what areas do you think Middlesbrough were better than you today?  
GORDON STRACHAN: What areas? Mainly that big green one out there...
  - **Gordon Strachan** 1957- Scottish football manager: attributed
- 26 I tell you what son, playing football is a lot easier than directing a funeral.  
*comparing his two careers*
  - **Ray Wilson** 1934- English footballer: *Simon Hattenstone The Best of Times: What became of the heroes of '66?* (2006)

## Form-Filling see BUREAUCRACY

# France

How can you govern a country which has 246 varieties of cheese?

**Charles de Gaulle**

- 1 France is the only place where you can make love in the afternoon without people hammering on your door.
  - **Barbara Cartland** 1901-2000 English writer: in *Guardian* 24 December 1984
- 2 Every wise and thoroughly worldly wench  
Knows there's always something fishy about the French!
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'There's Always Something Fishy about the French' (1933)
- 3 Dinners, soirées, poets, erratic millionaires, painters, translations, lobsters, absinthe, music, promenade, oysters, sherry, aspirin, pictures, Sapphic heiresses, editors, books, sailors. And How!
  - **Hart Crane** 1899-1932 American poet: postcard from Paris, 1929
- 4 How can you govern a country which has 246 varieties of cheese?
  - **Charles de Gaulle** 1890-1970 French soldier and statesman: Ernest Mignon *Les Mots du Général* (1962)
- 5 Unlike the cosy little A-roads in England, their French counterparts tended to be both straight and lined with trees, in order, it was said, that the German army might more easily find their way to Paris, and march in the shade while they did so.
  - **Guy Fraser-Sampson** English writer: *Lucia on Holiday* (2012)



- 6 Bonjourr, you cheese-eating surrender monkeys.  
*Groundskeeper Willie as French teacher*
  - **Matt Groening** 1954– American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* (1995) ‘Round Springfield’
- 7 on being told, when estimating it would take him three years to complete his dictionary of the English language, that it had taken forty members of the Academie Française forty years to compile the French dictionary: Sir, thus it is. This is the proportion. Let me see; forty times forty is sixteen hundred. As three to sixteen hundred, so is the proportion of an Englishman to a Frenchman.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Johnson* (1791) 1747
- 8 The French are always too wordy and need cutting by half before they start.
  - **Miles Kington** 1941–2008 English humorist: in *Spectator* 16 December 2006
- 9 No matter how politely or distinctly you ask a Parisian a question he will persist in answering you in French.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)
- 10 Boy, those French, they have a different word for everything!
  - **Steve Martin** 1945– American comedian: attributed
- 11 The Riviera isn’t only a sunny place for shady people.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874–1965 English novelist: *Strictly Personal* (1941)
- 12 Yet, who can help loving the land that has taught us  
Six hundred and eighty-five ways to dress eggs?
  - **Thomas Moore** 1779–1852 Irish musician and songwriter: *The Fudge Family in Paris* (1818)
- 13 It just proves that fifty million Frenchmen can’t be wrong. They eat horses instead of ride them.  
*having been crippled in a riding accident in 1937*
  - **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: G. Eells *The Life that Late He Led* (1967)
- 14 Cannes is where you lie on the beach and stare at the stars—or vice versa.
  - **Rex Reed** 1938– American critic: attributed
- 15 Everything is easier in France. We pay more taxes, but the hospitals don’t kill you.
  - **Kristin Scott Thomas** 1960– English actress: in *Daily Telegraph* 17 January 2005
- 16 France is a country where the money falls apart in your hands and you can’t tear the toilet paper.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906–2002 American screenwriter and director: Leslie Halliwell *The Filmgoer’s Book of Quotes* (1973)

## Friends

see also **ENEMIES**

He hasn’t an enemy in the world, and none of his friends like him. **Oscar Wilde**

- 1 When you are in jail a good friend will be bailing you out. A best friend will be in the cell next to you saying ‘Damn that was fun’.
  - **Anonymous**: traditional saying, recently frequently attributed to Groucho Marx
- 2 I may be wrong, but I have never found deserting friends conciliates enemies.
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864–1945 British political hostess: *Lay Sermons* (1927)
- 3 Champagne for my real friends, and real pain for my sham friends.  
*his favourite toast*
  - **Francis Bacon** 1909–92 Irish painter: Michael Peppiatt *Francis Bacon* (1996)



- 4 *definition of an acquaintance:*  
A degree of friendship called slight when its object is poor or obscure, and intimate when he is rich or famous.  
▪ **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 5 *during an audience with the Pope:*  
I expect you know my friend Evelyn Waugh, who, like your holiness, is a Roman Catholic.  
▪ **Randolph Churchill** 1911–68 British Conservative politician: attributed; in *Penguin Dictionary of Modern Quotations* (1971)
- 6 Rough diamonds are a girl's best friend.  
▪ **Jilly Cooper** 1937– English writer: *Angels Rush In* (1990)
- 7 To find a friend one must close one eye. To keep him—two.  
▪ **Norman Douglas** 1868–1952 Scottish-born novelist and essayist: *South Wind* (1917)
- 8 Most of my friends seem either to be dead, extremely deaf, or living in the wrong part of Kent.  
▪ **John Gielgud** 1904–2000 English actor: in *Sunday Times* 14 February 1988
- 9 [Friends are] God's apology for relations.  
▪ **Hugh Kingsmill** 1889–1949 English man of letters: Michael Holroyd *The Best of Hugh Kingsmill* (1970)
- 10 The capacity for friendship is God's way of apologizing for our families.  
▪ **Jay McInerney** 1955– American writer: *The Last of the Savages* (1996)
- 11 Money couldn't buy friends but you got a better class of enemy.  
▪ **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: *Puckoon* (1963)
- 12 Scratch a lover, and find a foe.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: 'Ballade of a Great Weariness' (1937)
- 13 If it is abuse,—why one is always sure to hear of it from one damned goodnatured friend or another!  
▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Critic* (1779)
- 14 You had only two friends in the world, and having killed one you can't afford to irritate the other.  
▪ **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Artist Descending a Staircase* (1973)
- 15 *on Harold Macmillan's sacking seven of his Cabinet on 13 July 1962:*  
Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his friends for his life.  
▪ **Jeremy Thorpe** 1929–2014 British Liberal politician: D. E. Butler and Anthony King *The General Election of 1964* (1965)
- 16 It takes your enemy and your friend, working together, to hurt you to the heart: the one to slander you and the other to get the news to you.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Following the Equator* (1897)
- 17 Unfortunately we have little in common except a mutual knowledge of a story by Charlotte Yonge in which the hero is an albino curate with eyes like rubies. This is cordial, but not enough.  
▪ **Sylvia Townsend Warner** 1893–1978 English writer: letter, 31 October 1967
- 18 We cherish our friends not for their ability to amuse us, but for ours to amuse them.  
▪ **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: diary, 10 June 1963
- 19 He [Bernard Shaw] hasn't an enemy in the world, and none of his friends like him.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: George Bernard Shaw *Sixteen Self Sketches* (1949)



# Funerals

I hope you go before me because I don't want you singing at my funeral.

**Spike Milligan**

- 1 Curious but authenticated fact that a funeral is the only gathering to which the majority of men ever go willingly.
  - **E. M. Delafield** 1890-1943 English writer: *The Diary of a Provincial Lady* (1930)
- 2 *said at the funeral of the escapologist Harry Houdini, while carrying his coffin:*  
I bet you a hundred bucks he ain't in here.
  - **Charles Bancroft Dillingham** 1868-1934 American theatrical manager: in 1926, attributed
- 3 You can't get buried quickly at Bexhill on Sea—it's like getting a table at the Caprice.
  - **David Hare** 1947- English dramatist: *Richard Eyre National Service: Diary of a Decade* (2003)
- 4 At his funeral in Omaha he filled the church to capacity. He was a draw right to the finish.  
*after the death of the boxer Vince Foster in 1949*
  - **Jack Hurley**: Jonathon Green and Don Atyeo (eds.) *The Book of Sports Quotes* (1979)
- 5 There is nothing like a morning funeral for sharpening the appetite for lunch.
  - **Arthur Marshall** 1910-89 British journalist: *Life's Rich Pageant* (1984)
- 6 *fax sent to Harry Secombe:*  
I hope you go before me because I don't want you singing at my funeral.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: attributed; in *Daily Telegraph* 28 February 2002
- 7 I have nothing against undertakers personally. It's just that I wouldn't want one to bury my sister.
  - **Jessica Mitford** 1917-96 British writer: in *Saturday Review* 1 February 1964
- 8 *on Teddy Kennedy arriving for Aristotle Onassis's funeral:*  
Looking like a priestly hustler peddling indulgences.
  - **Christina Onassis** 1950-88 American-born Greek businesswoman: Peter Evans *Nemesis: the True Story of Aristotle* (2004)
- 9 [Memorial services are the] cocktail parties of the geriatric set.
  - **Ralph Richardson** 1902-83 English actor: Ruth Dudley Edwards *Harold Macmillan* (1983)
- 10 Well, it only proves what they always say—give the public something they want to see, and they'll come out for it.  
*on the crowds attending the funeral of the movie tycoon Harry Cohn, 2 March 1958*
  - **Red Skelton** 1913-97 American comedian: attributed

**The Future** *see* **PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE**

**Gambling** *see* **BETTING AND GAMBLING**

**Games** *see* **SPORTS AND GAMES**



# Gardens

Eleven months' hard work and one month's acute disappointment.

**John Heathcoat Amory**

- 1 Everyone with a garden, however small, should have a few acres of woodland.
  - **Anonymous:** saying, sometimes attributed to Lord Rothschild or to an unidentified Director of the Royal Horticultural Society
- 2 A delectable sward, shaved as close as a bridegroom and looking just as green.
  - **Basil Boothroyd** 1910-88 English humorist: *Let's Move House* (1977)
- 3 I will keep returning to the virtues of sharp and swift drainage, whether a plant prefers to be wet or dry...I would have called this book *Better Drains*, but you would never have bought it or borrowed it for bedtime.
  - **Robin Lane Fox** 1946- English historian: *Better Gardening* (1982)
- 4 Eleven months' hard work and one month's acute disappointment.  
*on gardening*
  - **John Heathcoat Amory:** attributed; in *Guardian* 3 February 2006
- 5 'I distinguish the picturesque and the beautiful, and I add to them, in the laying out of the grounds, a third and distinct character, which I call *unexpectedness*.'
  - **Thomas Love Peacock** 1785-1866 English novelist and poet: *Headlong Hall* (1816)
- 6 Mort...had about the same talent for horticulture that you would find in a dead starfish.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Mort* (1987)
- 7 'All really grim gardeners possess a keen sense of humus.' Capt. W. D. Pontoon.
  - **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: *Garden Rubbish* (1930); chapter heading
- 8 What a man needs in gardening is a cast iron back, with a hinge in it.
  - **Charles Dudley Warner** 1829-1900 American writer: *My Summer in a Garden* (1870)
- 9 Perennials are the ones that grow like weeds, biennials are the ones that die this year instead of next and hardy annuals are the ones that never come up at all.
  - **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *Observations* (1970)

# The Generation Gap

see also **CHILDREN, PARENTS**

It is the one war in which everyone changes sides. **Cyril Connolly**

- 1 on the similarities between teenagers and their grandparents:  
They're both on drugs, they both detest you, and neither of them has a job.
  - **Jasper Carrott** 1945- English comedian: in *Observer* 11 January 2004
- 2 What's the point in growing old if you can't hound and persecute the young?
  - **Kenneth Clarke** 1940- British Conservative politician: in *Observer* 27 May 2007 'Quotes of the Week'



- 3 It is the one war in which everyone changes sides.
  - **Cyril Connolly** 1903-74 English writer: Tom Driberg, speech in House of Commons, 30 October 1959
- 4 Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves, and it is tiresome for children to be always and forever explaining things to them.
  - **Antoine de Saint-Exupéry** 1900-44 French novelist: *Le Petit Prince* (1943)
- 5 When I was young, the old regarded me as an outrageous young fellow, and now that I'm old the young regard me as an outrageous old fellow.
  - **Fred Hoyle** 1915-2001 English astrophysicist: in *Scientific American* March 1995
- 6 The young have aspirations that never come to pass, the old have reminiscences of what never happened.
  - **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald* (1904)
- 7 The denunciation of the young is a necessary part of the hygiene of older people, and greatly assists the circulation of their blood.
  - **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931) 'Age and Death'
- 8 There is more felicity on the far side of baldness than young men can possibly imagine.
  - **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931) 'Age and Death'
- 9 When I was a boy of 14, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be 21, I was astonished at how much the old man had learned in seven years.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: attributed in *Reader's Digest* September 1939, but not traced in his works
- 10 Two things my parents did for me as a child stand head and shoulders above what parents usually do for their children. They had me in Egypt and they set me a vivid example of everything I didn't want to be when I grew up.
  - **Jill Tweedie** 1936-93 British journalist: *Eating Children* (1993)
- 11 When I was your age...I had been an inconsolable widower for three months, and was already paying my addresses to your admirable mother.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)

## Gifts

What do you give to the man who's had everyone? **Alana Stewart**

- 1 How do you tell the difference between men's real gifts and their guilt gifts? Guilt gifts are nicer.
  - **Anonymous**: saying
- 2 To a woman, having flowers sent to her is thoughtful. To a man, sending flowers is a way of being thoughtful without putting any thought in to it. It's like foreign aid.
  - **Roy Blount Jr** 1941- American writer: *What Men Don't Tell Women* (1984)
- 3 I kinda like it when you forget to give me presents. It makes me feel like we're married.
  - **Abe Burrows** 1910-85 American librettist: *Guys and Dolls* (1950)
- 4 Mrs Thatcher tells us she has given the French president a piece of her mind...not a gift I would receive with alacrity.
  - **Denis Healey** 1917- British Labour politician: in *Today* 5 September 1989
- 5 offering peanuts to Helen Hayes: I wish they were emeralds. the line worked. And twenty years later,



he gave her emeralds. 'I wish they were peanuts,' he said

- **Charles MacArthur** 1895-1956 American dramatist: attributed, c. 1925

6 Ever since Eve gave Adam the apple, there has been a misunderstanding between the sexes about gifts.

- **Nan Robertson** 1926-2009 American journalist: in *New York Times* 28 November 1957

7 From my experience of life I believe my personal motto should be 'Beware of men bearing flowers.'

- **Muriel Spark** 1918-2006 British novelist: *Curriculum Vitae* (1992)

8 on ex-husband Rod Stewart:

What do you give to the man who's had everyone?

- **Alana Stewart** 1945- American actress: attributed

# God

see also **RELIGION**

*I'm sorry, we don't do God.* **Alastair Campbell**

1 If it turns out that there is a God, I don't think that he's evil. But the worst that you can say about him is that basically he's an underachiever.

- **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: *Love and Death* (1975 film)

2 Not only is there no God, but try getting a plumber on weekends.

- **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: in *New Yorker* 27 December 1969 'My Philosophy'

3 If only God would give me some clear sign! Like making a large deposit in my name at a Swiss bank.

- **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: 'Selections from the Allen Notebooks' in *New Yorker* 5 November 1973

4 God is silent, now if only we can get Man to shut up.

- **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: 'Remembering Needleman' (1976)

5 God is not dead but alive and working on a much less ambitious project.

- **Anonymous**: graffito quoted in *Guardian* 26 November 1975

6 Dear Sir,  
Your astonishment's odd:  
I am always about in the Quad.

And that's why the tree  
Will continue to be,  
Since observed by  
Yours faithfully,  
God.

- **Anonymous**: reply to verse by Ronald Knox (see **god** 30); Langford Reed *Complete Limerick Book* (1924)

7 Not odd  
Of God:  
Goyim  
Annoy 'im.

- **Anonymous**: in Leo Rosten's *Book of Laughter* (1986); see **god** 12, **god** 22

8 If absolute power corrupts absolutely, where does that leave God?

- **Anonymous**: overheard at the Garrick Club, 26 May 1991; Milton Shulman *Voltaire, Goldberg and Others* (2000)

9 **CLAIRE**: How do you know you're...God?  
**EARL OF GURNEY**: Simple. When I pray to Him I find I'm talking to myself.

- **Peter Barnes** 1931-2004 English dramatist: *The Ruling Class* (1969)

10 If I were Her what would really piss me off the worst is that they cannot even get My gender right for Christsakes.

- **Roseanne Barr** 1953- : *Roseanne* (1990)

11 *Birrell once saw a man treat George Eliot rudely:*

I sat down in a corner and prayed to God



- to blast him. God did nothing, and ever since I have been an agnostic.
- **Augustine Birrell** 1850-1933 British essayist: Harold Laski, letter to Oliver Wendell Holmes, 21 January 1928
- 12 But not so odd  
As those who choose  
A Jewish God,  
But spurn the Jews.
- **Cecil Browne** 1932- American businessman: reply to verse by William Norman Ewer; see **god** 7, **god** 22
- 13 God will not always be a Tory.
- **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: letter, 2 February 1821
- 14 I'm sorry, we don't do God.  
*Tony Blair's Director of Communications, when Blair was asked about his Christian faith in an interview for Vanity Fair magazine*
- **Alastair Campbell** 1957- British journalist: in *Daily Telegraph* 5 May 2003
- 15 He's not the Messiah! He's a very naughty boy!  
*Brian's mother to his would-be followers*
- **Graham Chapman** 1941-89, **John Cleese** 1939- , and **others** British comedians: *Monty Python's Life of Brian* (1979 film)
- 16 I am prepared to meet my Maker.  
Whether my Maker is prepared for the great ordeal of meeting me is another matter.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: at a news conference in Washington in 1954
- 17 Thou shalt have one God only; who  
Would be at the expense of two?
- **Arthur Hugh Clough** 1819-61 English poet: 'The Latest Decalogue' (1862)
- 18 I've absolutely no idea if God exists. It seems unlikely to me, but then—does a trout know that I exist?
- **Billy Connolly** 1942- Scottish comedian: in *Independent on Sunday* 16 December 2012
- 19 Do I believe in God? Let's say we have a working relationship.
- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 20 I don't believe in God because I don't believe in Mother Goose.
- **Clarence Darrow** 1857-1938 American lawyer: speech in Toronto in 1930
- 21 Our only hope rests on the off-chance that God does exist.
- **Alice Thomas Ellis** 1932-2005 English novelist: *Unexplained Laughter* (1985)
- 22 How odd  
Of God  
To choose  
The Jews.
- **William Norman Ewer** 1885-1976 British writer: *Week-End Book* (1924); see **god** 7, **god** 12
- 23 The world is disgracefully managed,  
one hardly knows to whom to complain.
- **Ronald Firbank** 1886-1926 English novelist: *Vainglory* (1915)
- 24 If sexual experiences were theoretically minimal, social expectations were on the contrary great. Once there was a Drag Hunt Ball just outside Oxford, to which I had unaccountably failed to be asked. I asked God to do something about it, and God recklessly killed poor King George VI, as a result of which the Hunt Ball was cancelled.
- **Antonia Fraser** 1932- British writer: Ann Thwaite (ed.) *My Oxford* (1977)
- 25 Forgive, O Lord, my little jokes on Thee  
And I'll forgive Thy great big one on me.
- **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet: 'Cluster of Faith' (1962)
- 26 Did God who gave us flowers and trees,  
Also provide the allergies?
- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'A Nose is a Nose is a Nose' (1965)
- 27 God will pardon me, it is His trade.
- **Heinrich Heine** 1797-1856 German poet: on his deathbed, in Alfred Meissner *Heinrich Heine. Erinnerungen* (1856); see **royalty** 7
- 28 The great act of faith is when a man decides he is not God.
- **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.** 1841-1935 American lawyer: letter to William James, 24 March 1907



- 29 to an undergraduate trying to excuse himself from attendance at early morning chapel on the plea of loss of faith:  
You will find God by tomorrow morning, or leave this college.  
▪ **Benjamin Jowett** 1817-93 English classicist: Kenneth Rose *Superior Person* (1969)
- 30 There once was a man who said, 'God Must think it exceedingly odd If he finds that this tree Continues to be When there's no one about in the Quad.'  
▪ **Ronald Knox** 1888-1957 English writer and Roman Catholic priest: Langford Reed *Complete Limerick Book* (1924); see **god** 6
- 31 God is love, but get it in writing.  
▪ **Gypsy Rose Lee** 1914-70 American striptease artiste: attributed
- 32 I don't know why it is that the religious never ascribe common sense to God.  
▪ **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1941
- 33 The chief contribution of Protestantism to human thought is its massive proof that God is a bore.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)
- 34 It is impossible to imagine the universe run by a wise, just and omnipotent God, but it is quite easy to imagine it run by a board of gods. If such a board actually exists it operates precisely like the board of a corporation that is losing money.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)
- 35 Satan probably wouldn't have talked so big if God had been his wife.  
▪ **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)
- 36 God can stand being told by Professor Ayer and Marghanita Laski that He doesn't exist.  
▪ **J. B. Priestley** 1894-1984 English novelist, dramatist, and critic: in *Listener* 1 July 1965
- 37 what he plans to say to God when they meet: I've made a lot of mistakes, but, boy, you've made a lot more.  
▪ **Burt Reynolds** 1936- American actor: in *Sunday Times* 17 February 2002
- 38 Those who set out to serve both God and Mammon soon discover that there is no God.  
▪ **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931) 'Other People'
- 39 Her conception of God was certainly not orthodox. She felt towards Him as she might have felt towards a glorified sanitary engineer; and in some of her speculations she seems hardly to distinguish between the Deity and the Drains.  
of *Florence Nightingale*  
▪ **Lytton Strachey** 1880-1932 English biographer: *Eminent Victorians* (1918)
- 40 If you talk to God, you are praying; if God talks to you, you have schizophrenia. If the dead talk to you, you are a spiritualist; if God talks to you, you are a schizophrenic.  
▪ **Thomas Szasz** 1920-2012 Hungarian-born psychiatrist: *The Second Sin* (1973) 'Schizophrenia'
- 41 Only one thing, is impossible for God: to find any sense in any copyright law on the planet.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Notebook* 23 May 1903
- 42 God was left out of the Constitution but was furnished a front seat on the coins of the country.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Mark Twain in Eruption* (1940)



# Golf

see also **SPORTS**

Golf is a good walk spoiled. **Mark Twain**

- 1 *on the golf course, on being asked by Nancy Cunard, 'What is your handicap?'*  
Drink and debauchery.  
▪ **Lord Castlerosse** 1891-1943: Philip Ziegler *Diana Cooper* (1981)
- 2 QUESTION: What is your handicap?  
ANSWER: I'm a colored, one-eyed Jew—do I need anything else?  
▪ **Sammy Davis Jnr.** 1925-90 American entertainer: *Yes I Can* (1965)
- 3 One who has to shout 'Fore' when he putts.  
*definition of a Coarse Golfer*  
▪ **Michael Green** 1927- English writer: *The Art of Coarse Golf* (1967)
- 4 Men who would face torture without a word become blasphemous at the short fourteenth. It is clear that the game of golf may well be included in that category of intolerable provocations which may legally excuse or mitigate behaviour not otherwise excusable.  
▪ **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: *Misleading Cases* (1935)
- 5 If you watch a game, it's fun. If you play it, it's recreation. If you work at it, it's golf.  
▪ **Bob Hope** 1903-2003 American comedian: in *Reader's Digest* October 1958
- 6 I consider it unsportsmanlike to hit a

sitting ball.

*on why he disliked golf*

- **Ernest Hornung** 1866-1921 English novelist: attributed; Julian Barnes *Arthur and George* (2005)
- 7 I'm playing like Tarzan and scoring like Jane.  
▪ **Chi Chi Rodriguez** 1935- Puerto Rican golfer: attributed, 1982
  - 8 Golf is a good walk spoiled.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: Alex Ayres *Greatly Exaggerated: the Wit and Wisdom of Mark Twain* (1988); attributed
  - 9 The uglier a man's legs are, the better he plays golf—it's almost a law.  
▪ **H. G. Wells** 1866-1946 English novelist: *Bealby* (1915)
  - 10 The least thing upset him on the links. He missed short putts because of the uproar of the butterflies in the adjoining meadows.  
▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *The Clicking of Cuthbert* (1922)
  - 11 Golf...is the infallible test. The man who can go into a patch of rough alone, with the knowledge that only God is watching him, and play his ball where it lies, is the man who will serve you faithfully and well.  
▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *The Clicking of Cuthbert* (1922)



# Gossip

I hate to spread rumours, but what else can one do with them? **Amanda Lear**

- 1 I know that's a secret, for it's whispered every where.
  - **William Congreve** 1670-1729 English dramatist: *Love for Love* (1695)
- 2 They come together like the Coroner's Inquest, to sit upon the murdered reputations of the week.
  - **William Congreve** 1670-1729 English dramatist: *The Way of the World* (1700)
- 3 A secret in the Oxford sense: you may tell it to only one person at a time.
  - **Oliver Franks** 1905-92 English philosopher and administrator: in *Sunday Telegraph* 30 January 1977
- 4 It's the gossip columnist's business to write about what is none of his business.
  - **Louis Kronenberger** 1904-80 American critic: *The Cart and the Horse* (1964)
- 5 I hate to spread rumours, but what else can one do with them?
  - **Amanda Lear** French singer: in an interview in 1978; Jonathon Green (ed.) *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1978)
- 6 If you haven't got anything good to say about anyone come and sit by me.
  - **Alice Roosevelt Longworth** 1884-1980 American socialite: maxim embroidered on a cushion; Michael Teague *Mrs L: Conversations with Alice Roosevelt Longworth* (1981)
- 7 She proceeds to dip her little fountain-pen filler into pots of oily venom and to squirt this mixture at all her friends.
  - of the society hostess *Mrs Ronnie Greville*
  - **Harold Nicolson** 1886-1968 English diplomat, politician, and writer: diary, 20 July 1937
- 8 I hope there's a tinge of disgrace about me. Hopefully, there's one good scandal left in me yet.
  - **Diana Rigg** 1938- British actress: in *Times* 3 May 1999
- 9 No one gossips about other people's secret virtues.
  - **Bertrand Russell** 1872-1970 British philosopher and mathematician: *On Education Especially in Early Childhood* (1926)
- 10 I'm called away by particular business—but I leave my character behind me.
  - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The School for Scandal* (1777)
- 11 Here is the whole set! a character dead at every word.
  - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The School for Scandal* (1777)
- 12 Gossip is just news running ahead of itself in a red satin dress.
  - **Liz Smith** 1923- American journalist: in *Working Woman* 1982
- 13 It is perfectly monstrous the way people go about, nowadays, saying things against one behind one's back that are absolutely and entirely true.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 14 There is only one thing in the world worse than being talked about, and that is not being talked about.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)



# Government

see also **DEMOCRACY, POLITICS**

We all know that Prime Ministers are wedded to the truth, but like other married couples they sometimes live apart. **Saki**

- 1 The first requirement of a statesman is that he be dull.
  - **Dean Acheson** 1893-1971 American politician: in *Observer* 21 June 1970
- 2 There is, in fact, no law or government at all [in Italy]; and it is wonderful how well things go on without them.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: letter, 2 January 1821
- 3 Democracy means government by the uneducated, while aristocracy means government by the badly educated.
  - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: in *New York Times* 1 February 1931
- 4 Like most Chief Whips he [Michael Jopling] knew who the shits were.
  - **Alan Clark** 1928-99 British Conservative politician: diary, 17 June 1987
- 5 A wartime Minister of Information is compelled, in the national interest, to such continuous acts of duplicity that even his natural hair must grow to resemble a wig.
 

of *Brendan Bracken*

  - **Claud Cockburn** 1904-81 British writer and journalist: *Crossing the Line* (1958)
- 6 Distrust of authority should be the first civic duty.
  - **Norman Douglas** 1868-1952 Scottish-born novelist and essayist: *An Almanac* October (1941)
- 7 But the privilege and pleasure  
That we treasure beyond measure  
Is to run on little errands for the  
Ministers of State.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *The Gondoliers* (1889)
- 8 'Do you pray for the senators, Dr Hale?'  
'No, I look at the senators and I pray  
for the country.'
- **Edward Everett Hale** 1822-1909 American Unitarian clergyman: *Van Wyck Brooks New England Indian Summer* (1940)
- 9 This we learn from Watergate  
That almost any creep'll  
Be glad to help the Government  
Overthrow the people.
  - **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'History Lesson' (1976)
- 10 This high official, all allow,  
Is grossly overpaid;  
There wasn't any Board, and now  
There isn't any Trade.
  - **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: 'The President of the Board of Trade' (1922)
- 11 People must not do things for fun. We are not here for fun. There is no reference to fun in any Act of Parliament.
  - **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: *Uncommon Law* (1935) 'Is it a Free Country?'
- 12 Office hours are from 12 to 1 with an hour off for lunch.
 

of *the US Senate*

  - **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: *Howard Teichmann George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 13 We are a government of laws. Any laws  
some government hack can find to  
louse up a man who's down.
  - **Murray Kempton** 1917-97 American journalist: in *New York Post* 21 December 1955
- 14 I work for a Government I despise for  
ends I think criminal.
  - **John Maynard Keynes** 1883-1946 English economist: letter to Duncan Grant, 15 December 1917



- 15 How is the world ruled and how do wars start? Diplomats tell lies to journalists and then believe what they read.
  - **Karl Kraus** 1874–1936 Austrian satirist: *Aphorisms and More Aphorisms* (1909)
- 16 on suggestions that the US should draft a Constitution for Iraq:  
We might as well give them ours.  
We aren't using it.
  - **Jay Leno** 1950– American comedian: attributed; in *Mail on Sunday* 7 September 2003
- 17 One of these days the people of Louisiana are going to get good government—and they aren't going to like it.
  - **Huey Long** 1893–1935 American Democratic politician: attributed
- 18 describing the traditional method of running the economy:  
[Like] looking up trains in last year's Bradshaw.
  - **Harold Macmillan** 1894–1986 British Conservative statesman: as Chancellor of the Exchequer, 1956; in Alistair Horne *Macmillan* (1988)
- 19 There are two reasons for making an appointment. Either there was nobody else; or there was somebody else.
  - **Lord Normanbrook** 1902–67 British civil servant: Anthony Sampson *The Changing Anatomy of Britain* (1982)
- 20 I don't want to abolish government. I simply want to reduce it to the size where I can drag it into the bathroom and drown it in the bathtub.
  - **Grover Norquist** 1956– American lobbyist: interview on National Public Radio, Morning Edition, 25 May 2001
- 21 The nine most terrifying words in the English language are, 'I'm from the government and I'm here to help.'  
on assistance to farmers
  - **Ronald Reagan** 1911–2004 American Republican statesman: at a press conference in Chicago, 2 August 1986
- 22 When you stop being a minister, you get in the back of the car and it doesn't go anywhere.
  - **Malcolm Rifkind** 1946– British Conservative politician: in *Times* 7 May 2010
- 23 Are you labouring under the impression that I read these memoranda of yours? I can't even lift them.  
to Leon Henderson
  - **Franklin D. Roosevelt** 1882–1945 American Democratic statesman: J. K. Galbraith *Ambassador's Journal* (1969)
- 24 We all know that Prime Ministers are wedded to the truth, but like other married couples they sometimes live apart.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *The Unbearable Bassington* (1912)
- 25 Members [of civil service orders] rise from CMG (known sometimes in Whitehall as 'Call Me God') to the KCMG ('Kindly Call Me God') to—for a select few governors and super-ambassadors—the GCMG ('God Calls Me God').
  - **Anthony Sampson** 1926–2004 British writer: *Anatomy of Britain* (1962)
- 26 A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Everybody's Political What's What?* (1944)
- 27 It's a very sobering feeling to be up in space and realize that one's safety factor was determined by the lowest bidder on a government contract.
  - **Alan Shepard** 1923–98 American astronaut: in 1961, attributed in various forms
- 28 I don't mind how much my Ministers talk, so long as they do what I say.
  - **Margaret Thatcher** 1925–2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in *Observer* 27 January 1980
- 29 of his first Cabinet meeting as Prime Minister: An extraordinary affair. I gave them their orders and they wanted to stay and discuss them.
  - **Duke of Wellington** 1769–1852 British soldier and statesman: Peter Hennessy *Whitehall* (1990)



- 30 Now that the House of Commons is trying to become useful, it does a great deal of harm.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)

- 31 *the White House in the time of President Eisenhower:*  
The Tomb of the Well-Known Soldier.
- **Emlyn Williams** 1905-87 Welsh dramatist: *James Harding* Emlyn Williams (1987)

## Hair

Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair, he's just prematurely orange. **Gerald Ford**

- 1 *when asked by his barber how he would like his hair cut:*  
In silence.  
▪ **Archelaus** d. 399 BC Macedonian king: *Plutarch Moralia*
- 2 Libby...was what we used to call a 'suicide blonde' (dyed by her own hand).  
▪ **Saul Bellow** 1915-2005 American novelist: *Him With His Foot in His Mouth and Other Stories* (1984)
- 3 I have learned—and this may be the most important thing I say to you today—hair matters. Pay attention to your hair, because everyone else will.  
▪ **Hillary Rodham Clinton** 1947- American lawyer and politician: speech to students at Yale, 20 May 2001
- 4 Not having to worry about your hair
- any more is the secret upside of death.  
▪ **Nora Ephron** 1941-2012 American screenwriter and director: *I Feel Bad About My Neck* (2008)
- 5 Ronald Reagan doesn't dye his hair, he's just prematurely orange.  
▪ **Gerald Ford** 1909-2006 American Republican statesman: in 1974, attributed
- 6 A hair in the head is worth two in the brush.  
▪ **Oliver Herford** 1863-1935 English-born American humorist: attributed
- 7 He has turned almost alarmingly blond—he's gone past platinum, he must be plutonium, his hair is coordinated with his teeth.  
*on Robert Redford in The Sting*  
▪ **Pauline Kael** 1919-2001 American film critic: in *The New Yorker* 31 December 1973

## Handwriting

The dawn of legibility in his handwriting has revealed his utter inability to spell. **Ian Hay**

- 1 That exquisite handwriting like a fly which has been trained at the Russian ballet.  
*of George Bernard Shaw's handwriting*  
▪ **James Agate** 1877-1947 British drama critic and novelist: diary, 22 September 1944
- 2 I never saw Monty James's writing but doubt whether he can have been more illegible than Lady Colefax: the only hope of deciphering her invitations, someone said, was to pin them up on the wall and *run* past them!  
▪ **Rupert Hart-Davis** 1907-99 English publisher: letter to George Lyttelton, 13 November 1955
- 3 The dawn of legibility in his handwriting has revealed his utter inability to spell.  
▪ **Ian Hay** 1876-1952 Scottish novelist and dramatist: attributed; perhaps used in a dramatization of *The Housemaster* (1938)



- 4 of Foreign Office handwriting:  
Iron railings leaning out of the perpendicular.
  - **Lord Palmerston** 1784-1865 British statesman: J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981)
- 5 No individual word was decipherable, but, with a bold reader, groups could be made to conform to a scheme

based on probabilities.

- **Edith C.E. Somerville** 1858-1949 and **Martin Ross** 1862-1915 Irish writers: *In Mr Knox's Country* (1915)
- 6 I know that handwriting...I remember it perfectly. The ten commandments in every stroke of the pen, and the moral law all over the page.
    - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)

## Hangovers see DRUNKENNESS AND HANGOVERS

# Happiness

see also **HOPE, SATISFACTION**

Life would be very pleasant if it were not for its enjoyments. **R. S. Surtees**

- 1 Happy as a bastard on Father's Day.  
*Australian expression*
  - **Anonymous**: Richard Eyre *National Service: Diary of a Decade* (2003)
- 2 The great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do.
  - **Walter Bagehot** 1826-77 English economist and essayist: in *Prospective Review* 1853
- 3 Happiness is good health—and a bad memory.
  - **Ingrid Bergman** 1915-82 Swedish actress: J. R. Colombo *Colombo's Hollywood: Wit and Wisdom of the Moviemakers* (1979)
- 4 Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.
  - **George Burns** 1896-1996 American comedian: attributed
- 5 Let us have wine and women, mirth and laughter,  
Sermons and soda-water the day after.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)
- 6 Happiness is...finding two olives in your martini when you're hungry.
  - **Johnny Carson** 1925-2005 American broadcaster and comedian: *Happiness is—a Dry Martini* (1966)
- 7 There's no greater bliss in life than when the plumber eventually comes to unblock your drains. No writer can give that sort of pleasure.
  - **Victoria Glendinning** 1937- English biographer and novelist: in *Observer* 3 January 1993
- 8 12.35 p.m.—The phone rings. I am not amused. This is not my favourite way to wake up. My favourite way to wake up is to have a certain French movie star whisper softly to me at two-thirty in the afternoon that if I want to get to Sweden in time to pick up my Nobel Prize for Literature I had better ring for breakfast. This occurs rather less often than one might wish.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)
- 9 There's no pleasure on earth that's worth sacrificing for the sake of an extra five years in the geriatric ward of the Sunset Old People's Home, Weston-Super-Mare.
  - **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English writer and barrister: *Rumpole's Last Case* (1987)
- 10 Men who are unhappy, like men who



sleep badly, are always proud of the fact.

- **Bertrand Russell** 1872-1970 British philosopher and mathematician: *The Conquest of Happiness* (1930)

11 He's simply got the instinct for being unhappy highly developed.

- **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Chronicles of Clovis* (1911)

12 But a lifetime of happiness! No man alive could bear it: it would be hell on earth.

- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)

13 There are two tragedies in life. One is not to get your heart's desire. The other is to get it.

- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)

14 Life would be very pleasant if it were not for its enjoyments.

- **R. S. Surtees** 1805-64 English sporting journalist and novelist: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds* (1865)

15 Let us all be happy, and live within our means, even if we have to borrow the money to do it with.

- **Artemus Ward** 1834-67 American humorist: *Artemus Ward in London* (1867)

16 A cigarette is the perfect type of a perfect pleasure. It is exquisite, and it leaves one unsatisfied. What more can one want?

- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)

17 All the things I really like to do are either illegal, immoral, or fattening.

- **Alexander Woollcott** 1887-1943 American writer: *R. E. Drennan Wit's End* (1973)

# Headlines

Sticks nix hick pix.     **Anonymous**

1 Headless Body in Topless Bar.

- **Anonymous**: headline in *New York Post* 15 April 1983

2 Dr Fuchs off to south ice.

headline on the departure of a Polar expedition

- **Anonymous**: in *Liverpool Daily Post*, c. 1960s; *Fritz Spiegl Keep Taking the Tabloids* (1983)

3 Queen to skip Chuck nups.

announcing that the Queen would not attend the wedding of Charles, Prince of Wales, and Camilla Parker Bowles

- **Anonymous**: headline in *New York Post* 23 February 2005

4 Sticks nix hick pix.

on the lack of enthusiasm for farm dramas among rural populations

- **Anonymous**: headline in *Variety* 17 July 1935

5 It's The Sun Wot Won It.

following the 1992 general election

- **Anonymous**: headline in *Sun* 11 April 1992

6 NUT SCREWS WASHERS AND BOLTS.

reported headline in a Chinese newspaper above the story of an escapee from an asylum who broke into a laundry and raped several laundresses before escaping

- **Anonymous**: *Claud Cockburn I, Claud* (1967)

7 If Kinnock wins today will the last person to leave Britain please turn out the lights. on election day, showing Neil Kinnock's head inside a light bulb

- **Anonymous**: headline in *Sun* 9 April 1992

8 If I rescued a child from drowning, the Press would no doubt headline the story 'Benn grabs child.'

- **Tony Benn** 1925-2014 British Labour politician: in *Observer* 2 March 1975

9 with which Cockburn claimed to have won a competition at *The Times* for the dullest headline:

Small earthquake in Chile. Not many dead.

- **Claud Cockburn** 1904-81 British writer and journalist: *In Time of Trouble* (1956)



## 10 SIXTY HORSES WEDGED IN CHIMNEY

The story to fit this sensational headline has not turned up yet.

- **J. B. Morton** 1893-1975 British journalist: Michael Frayn (ed.) *The Best of Beachcomber* (1963)

## 11 Marquis's Son Unused to Wine.

- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: headline in *Brideshead Revisited* (1945)

## Health see SICKNESS AND HEALTH

# Heaven and Hell

I have friends in both places. **Mark Twain**

## 1 of Lord Curzon, who at the age of thirty-nine had been created Viceroy of India:

For all the rest of his life Curzon was influenced by his sudden journey to heaven at the age of thirty-nine, and then by his return seven years later to earth, for the remainder of his mortal existence.

- **Lord Beaverbrook** 1879-1964 Canadian-born British newspaper proprietor and Conservative politician: *Men and Power* (1956)

## 2 I always say, as you know, that if my fellow citizens want to go to Hell I will help them. It's my job.

- **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.** 1841-1935 American lawyer: letter to Harold Laski, 4 March 1920

3 Whose love is given over-well  
Shall look on Helen's face in hell  
Whilst they whose love is thin and wise  
Shall see John Knox in Paradise.

- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: 'Partial Comfort' (1937)

## 4 The Devil himself had probably re-designed Hell in the light of information he had gained from observing airport layouts.

- **Anthony Price** 1928- English writer and editor: *The Memory Trap* (1989)

5 My idea of heaven is, eating *pâté de foie gras* to the sound of trumpets.

- **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: view ascribed by Smith to his friend Henry Luttrell; Peter Virgin Sydney Smith (1994)

## 6 I have friends in both places.

- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: Archibald Henderson Mark Twain (1911)

## 7 If Max [Beaverbrook] gets to Heaven he won't last long. He will be chucked out for trying to pull off a merger between Heaven and Hell...after having secured a controlling interest in key subsidiary companies in both places, of course.

- **H. G. Wells** 1866-1946 English novelist: A. J. P. Taylor *Beaverbrook* (1972)



# Heroes

We can't all be heroes because somebody has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by. **Will Rogers**

- 1 Show me a hero and I will write you a tragedy.
  - **F. Scott Fitzgerald** 1896-1940 American novelist: Edmund Wilson (ed.) *The Crack-Up* (1945) 'Note-Books E'
- 2 The important thing when you are going to do something brave is to have someone on hand to witness it.
  - **Michael Howard** 1922- English historian: in *Observer* 18 May 1980
- 3 I'm a hero wid coward's legs, I'm a hero from the waist up.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: *Puckoon* (1963)
- 4 Genghis Khan was not exactly lovable but I suppose he is my favourite historical character because he was
  - damned efficient.
  - **Kerry Packer** 1937-2005 Australian media tycoon: in 1979, attributed; Jonathon Green *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)
- 5 We can't all be heroes because someone has to sit on the curb and clap as they go by.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879-1935 American actor and humorist: attributed, Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)
- 6 But be not afraid of greatness: some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them.
  - **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Twelfth Night* (1601)

# History

History repeats itself; historians repeat one other. **Rupert Brooke**

- 1 I often think it odd that it should be so dull, for a great deal of it must be invention.
  - on history
  - **Jane Austen** 1775-1817 English novelist: *Northanger Abbey* (1818)
- 2 History is a commentary on the various and continuing incapacities of men. What is history? History is women following behind with the buckets.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *The History Boys* (2004)
- 3 I was still a medieval historian, not a profession, I imagine, with a high sexual strike rate.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Untold Stories* (2005)
- 4 An account, mostly false, of events, mostly unimportant, which are brought about by rulers, mostly knaves, and soldiers, mostly fools.
  - definition of history
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842-c.1914 American writer: *The Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 5 History repeats itself; historians repeat one other.
  - **Rupert Brooke** 1887-1915 English poet: letter to Geoffrey Keynes, 4 June 1906
- 6 People who make history know nothing about history. You can see that in the sort of history they make.
  - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981)



- 7 One of the lessons of history is Nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say.
  - **Will Durant** 1855-1981 American historian: in *Reader's Digest* November 1972
- 8 History teaches us that men and nations behave wisely once they have exhausted all other alternatives.
  - **Abba Eban** 1915-2002 Israeli diplomat: speech in London 16 December 1970
- 9 History is more or less bunk.
  - **Henry Ford** 1863-1947 American car manufacturer and businessman: in *Chicago Tribune* 25 May 1916
- 10 Does Magna Carta mean nothing to you? Did she die in vain?
  - **Ray Galton** 1930- and **Alan Simpson** 1929- English scriptwriters: *Hancock's Half Hour* (BBC radio, 1959) 'Twelve Angry Men', spoken by Tony Hancock
- 11 History unravels gently, like an old sweater. It has been patched and darned many times, reknitted to suit different people, shoved in a box under the sink of censorship to be cut up for the dusters of propaganda, yet it always—eventually—manages to spring into its old familiar shape. History has a habit of changing the people who think they are changing it. History always has a few tricks up its frayed sleeve. It's been around a long time.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Mort* (1987)
- 12 People don't alter history any more than birds alter the sky, they just make brief patterns in it.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Mort* (1987)
- 13 History is not what you thought. *It is what you can remember.*
  - **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: 1066 and *All That* (1930) 'Compulsory Preface'
- 14 The Cavaliers (Wrong but Wromantic) and the Roundheads (Right but Repulsive).
  - **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: 1066 and *All That* (1930)
- 15 AMERICA was thus clearly top nation, and History came to a .
  - **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: 1066 and *All That* (1930)
- 16 SWINDON: What will history say?  
BURGOYNE: History, sir, will tell lies as usual.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *The Devil's Disciple* (1901)
- 17 History is about arrogance, vanity and vapidty—who better than me to present it?
  - **David Starkey** 1945- English historian: in *Mail on Sunday* 10 October 2004
- 18 Like most of those who study history, he [Napoleon III] learned from the mistakes of the past how to make new ones.
  - **A. J. P. Taylor** 1906-90 British historian: in *Listener* 6 June 1963
- 19 History gets thicker as it approaches recent times.
  - **A. J. P. Taylor** 1906-90 British historian: *English History 1914-45* (1965), bibliography
- 20 on being asked what would have happened in 1963, had Khrushchev and not Kennedy been assassinated:  
With history one can never be certain, but I think I can safely say that Aristotle Onassis would not have married Mrs Khrushchev.
  - **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: in *Sunday Times* 4 June 1989
- 21 Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.
  - **H. G. Wells** 1866-1946 English novelist: *Outline of History* (1920)
- 22 The one duty we owe to history is to rewrite it.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Intentions* (1891) 'The Critic as Artist' pt. 1
- 23 History started badly and hav been geting steadily worse.
  - **Geoffrey Willans** 1911-58 and **Ronald Searle** 1920-2011: *Down with Skool!* (1953)



# Holidays and Leisure

see also **WORK**

There is a French widow in every bedroom.

**Gerard Hoffnung**

- 1 Continental breakfasts are very sparse, usually just a pot of tea or coffee and a teensy roll that looks like a suitcase handle. My advice is to go right to lunch without pausing.
  - **Henry Beard** 1945- American humorist: *Miss Piggy's Guide to Life* (1981)
- 2 **BASIL:** May I ask what you were hoping to see out of a Torquay bedroom window? Sydney Opera House, perhaps? The Hanging Gardens of Babylon? Herds of wildebeeste sweeping majestically...
  - **John Cleese** 1939- and **Connie Booth** 1944- English and American-born comic actors: *Fawlty Towers* (1979) 'Communication Problems'
- 3 There's sand in the porridge and sand in the bed,  
And if this is pleasure we'd rather be dead.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'The English Lido' (1928)
- 4 I don't think we can do better than 'Good old Broadstairs'.
  - **George Grossmith** 1847-1912 and **Weedon Grossmith** 1854-1919: *The Diary of a Nobody* (1894)
- 5 *supposedly quoting a letter from a Tyrolean landlord:*  
Standing among savage scenery, the hotel offers stupendous revelations. There is a French widow in every bedroom, affording delightful prospects.
  - **Gerard Hoffnung** 1925-59 German-born artist and musician: speech at the Oxford Union, 4 December 1958
- 6 Some time before the end of August, I will grab a week's leave, like a half-starved sealion snatching an airborne mackerel; and whatever happens that leave will not be taken in some boarding-house in Eastbourne. It will not take place in Cornwall or Scotland or the Norfolk Broads. I say stuff Skegness. I say bugger Bognor. I am going to take a holiday abroad. *refusing to be pressured into a hypocritical 'staycation' for the sake of political appearances*
  - **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 22 July 2008
- 7 Twenty-four hour room service generally refers to the length of time that it takes for the club sandwich to arrive.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Social Studies* (1982)
- 8 I suppose we all have our recollections of our earlier holidays, all bristling with horror.
  - **Flann O'Brien** 1911-66 Irish novelist and journalist: *Myles Away from Dublin* (1990)
- 9 I want to register a complaint... You know who sneaked into my stateroom at three o'clock this morning?... Nobody, and that's my complaint.
  - **S. J. Perelman** 1904-79 and **others** screenwriters: *Monkey Business* (1931 film), spoken by Groucho Marx
- 10 The great advantage of a hotel is that it's a refuge from home life.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *You Never Can Tell* (1898)
- 11 I like to have exciting evenings on holiday, because after you've spent 8 hours reading on the beach you don't feel like turning in early with a good book.
  - **Arthur Smith** 1954- English comedian: *The Live Bed Show* (1995)
- 12 Life is too short for second-rate hotels.
  - **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: *Madeleine Bingham The Great Lover* (1978)



# Hollywood

see also **CINEMA, FILM**

A place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul. **Marilyn Monroe**

- 1 Hollywood is a place where people from Iowa mistake each other for stars.
  - **Fred Allen** 1894-1956 American humorist: Maurice Zolotow *No People like Show People* (1951)
- 2 Hollywood is the only place in the world where an amicable divorce means each one gets 50 per cent of the publicity.
  - **Lauren Bacall** 1924-2014 American actress: in *People* February 1988; J. Vitullo-Martin and J. R. Moskin *The Executive's Book of Quotations* (1994)
- 3 I'm not very keen on Hollywood. I'd rather have a nice cup of cocoa really.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: letter to his mother, 1937; Cole Lesley *The Life of Noel Coward* (1976)
- 4 Remember all the time...that Hollywood is an Oriental city. As long as you do that you might survive.
  - **Olivia De Havilland** 1916- American actress: Dirk Bogarde *Snakes and Ladders* (1978)
- 5 Hollywood is bounded on the north, south, east, and west by agents.
  - **William Fadiman** 1909-99 American film producer: *Hollywood Now* (1972)
- 6 Hollywood is the only place on earth where you can get stabbed in the back while you're climbing a ladder.
  - **William Faulkner** 1897-1962 American novelist: Joseph Blotner *Faulkner* (1984)
- 7 Working in Hollywood does give one a certain expertise in the field of prostitution.
  - **Jane Fonda** 1937- American actress: J. R. Colombo *Wit and Wisdom of the Moviemakers* (1979)
- 8 The only place you can wake up in the morning and hear the birds coughing in the trees.
  - **Joe Frisco** 1889-1958 American vaudeville artiste: attributed
- 9 Hollywood is strange when you're in trouble. Everyone is afraid it's contagious.
  - **Judy Garland** 1922-69 American actress: Simon Rose *Classic Film Guide* (1995)
- 10 Every country gets the circus it deserves. Spain gets bullfights. Italy gets the Catholic Church. America Hollywood.
  - **Erica Jong** 1942- American novelist: *How to Save Your Own Life* (1977)
- 11 Lunch Hollywood-style—a hot dog and vintage wine.
  - **Harry Kurnitz** 1907-68 American dramatist: Max Wilk *The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1971)
- 12 Behind the phoney tinsel of Hollywood lies the real tinsel.
  - **Oscar Levant** 1906-72 American pianist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 13 Being a writer in Hollywood is like going into Hitler's Eagle's Nest with a great idea for a bar-mitzvah.
  - **David Mamet** 1947- American dramatist and director: in *Sunday Times* 1 August 2004
- 14 A trip through a sewer in a glass-bottomed boat.
  - **Wilson Mizner** 1876-1933 American dramatist: Alva Johnston *The Legendary Mizners* (1953), reworked by Mayor Jimmy Walker into 'A reformer is a guy who rides through a sewer in a glass-bottomed boat'
- 15 Working for Warner Bros is like fucking a porcupine: it's a hundred



pricks against one.

- **Wilson Mizner** 1876–1933 American dramatist: David Niven *Bring On the Empty Horses* (1975)
- 16 Hollywood is a place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your soul.
  - **Marilyn Monroe** 1926–62 American actress: J. R. Colombo *Wit and Wisdom of the Moviemakers* (1979)
- 17 *Gandhi* was everything the voting members of the Academy would like to be: moral, tanned and thin.
  - **Joe Morgenstern** 1932– American film critic: in *Los Angeles Herald-Examiner* April 1983
- 18 Hollywood, the Versailles of Los Angeles.
  - **Jan Morris** 1926– Welsh writer: *Destinations* (1980)
- 19 Hollywood money isn't money. It's congealed snow, melts in your hand, and there you are.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: Malcolm Cowley (ed.) *Writers at Work* 1st Series (1958)
- 20 There was the actor who put in his will that he wanted to be cremated and ten per cent of his ashes thrown in his agent's face.
  - **Harry Richman** 1895–1972 American entertainer: attributed, 1940s
- 21 Hollywood: They know only one word of more than one syllable here, and that is fillum.
  - **Louis Sherwin**: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 22 This is the biggest electric train any boy ever had!
  - **Orson Welles** 1915–85 American actor and film director: Leo Rosten *Hollywood* (1941)

## The Home and Housework

Hatred of domestic work is a natural and admirable result of civilization.  
**Rebecca West**

- 1 WIFE: Cooking! Cleaning! Why should women do it?  
HUSBAND: You're quite right—let's get an au pair girl.
  - **Mel Calman** 1931–94 English cartoonist: *Couples* (1972)
- 2 They tell me there is no more toilet paper in the house. How can I be expected to act a romantic part and remember to order TOILET PAPER!
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: Margot Peters *Mrs Pat* (1984)
- 3 Conran's Law of Housework—it expands to fill the time available plus half an hour.
  - **Shirley Conran** 1932– English writer: *Superwoman 2* (1977)
- 4 Tho' the pipes that supply the bathroom burst  
And the lavatory makes you fear the worst,  
It was used by Charles the First  
Quite informally,  
And later by George the Fourth  
On a journey North.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'The Stately Homes of England' (1938)
- 5 There was no need to do any housework at all. After the first four years the dirt doesn't get any worse.
  - **Quentin Crisp** 1908–99 English writer: *The Naked Civil Servant* (1968)
- 6 The graveyards are full of women whose houses were so spotless you could eat off the floor. Remember the second wife always has a maid.
  - **Heloise Cruse** 1919–77 American writer: in *Saturday Evening Post* 2 March 1963
- 7 Mrs Crupp had indignantly assured him that there wasn't room to swing a cat there; but, as Mr Dick justly observed



- to me, sitting down on the foot of the bed, nursing his leg, 'You know, Trotwood, I don't want to swing a cat. I never do swing a cat. Therefore, what does that signify to me!'
- **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *David Copperfield* (1850)
- 8 Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?
- **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: Phyllis Diller and Richard Buskin *Like A Lampshade in a Whorehouse: my life in comedy* (2005)
- 9 Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing is like shovelling the walk before it stops snowing.
- **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: *Phyllis Diller's Housekeeping Hints* (1966)
- 10 Home is the place where, when you have to go there, They have to take you in.
- **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet: 'The Death of the Hired Man' (1914)
- 11 congratulating Margaret Thatcher on 10 Downing Street:  
I never seem to meet a good estate agent.
- **John Gielgud** 1904-2000 English actor: Sheridan Morley *Asking for Trouble* (2002)
- 12 What's the good of a home if you are never in it?
- **George Grossmith** 1847-1912 and **Weedon Grossmith** 1854-1919: *The Diary of a Nobody* (1894)
- 13 The worst thing about work in the house or home is that whatever you do it is destroyed, laid waste or eaten within twenty-four hours.
- **Alexandra Hasluck** 1908-93 Australian writer: attributed
- 14 I want a house that has got over all its troubles; I don't want to spend the rest of my life bringing up a young and inexperienced house.
- **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: *They and I* (1909)
- 15 All I need is room enough to lay a hat and a few friends.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)
- 16 I hate housework! You make the beds, you do the dishes—and six months later you have to start all over again.
- **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: attributed, 1984
- 17 The only advantage of not being too good a housekeeper is that your guests are so pleased to feel how very much better they are.
- **Eleanor Roosevelt** 1884-1962 American humanitarian and diplomat: *Eleanor Roosevelt's My Day: Her Acclaimed Columns* 1936-1945 (1989)
- 18 Addresses are given to us to conceal our whereabouts.
- **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald in Russia* (1910)
- 19 Home life as we understand it is no more natural to us than a cage is natural to a cockatoo.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Getting Married* (1911) preface 'Hearth and Home'
- 20 on being encountered drinking a glass of wine in the street, while watching his theatre, the Drury Lane, burn down, on 24 February 1809:  
A man may surely be allowed to take a glass of wine by his own fireside.
- **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: T. Moore *Life of Sheridan* (1825)
- 21 It looks different when you're sober. I thought I had twice as much furniture.
- **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *The Gingerbread Lady* (1970)
- 22 asked who wore the trousers at home:  
I do. I wear the trousers. And I wash and iron them, too.
- **Denis Thatcher** 1915-2003 English businessman: attributed; in *Times* 27 June 2003
- 23 The national sport of England is obstacle racing. People fill their rooms with useless and cumbersome furniture, and spend the rest of their lives in trying to dodge it.
- **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: Hesketh Pearson *Beerbohm Tree* (1956)



- 24 Hatred of domestic work is a natural and admirable result of civilization.  
 ▪ **Rebecca West** 1892–1983 English novelist and journalist: in *The Freewoman* 6 June 1912
- 25 When it comes to housework the one thing no book of household management can ever tell you is how to begin. Or maybe I mean *why*.  
 ▪ **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928– English journalist: *Roundabout* (1962)
- 26 Everything's getting on top of me. I can't switch off. I've got a self-cleaning oven—I have to get up in the night to see if it's doing it.  
 ▪ **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: *Mens Sana in Thingummy Doodah* (1990)

## Honours see AWARDS AND HONOURS

# Hope and Despair

*see also* **HAPPINESS, OPTIMISM, SATISFACTION**

*Blessed is the man who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed.*  
**Alexander Pope**

- 1 A minor form of despair, disguised as a virtue.  
*definition of patience*  
 ▪ **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Devil's Dictionary* (1911)
- 2 There are bad times just around the corner,  
 There are dark clouds travelling through the sky  
 And it's no good whining  
 About a silver lining  
 For we know from experience that they won't roll by,  
 With a scowl and a frown  
 We'll keep our peckers down  
 And prepare for depression and doom and dread,  
 We're going to unpack our troubles from our old kitbag  
 And wait until we drop down dead.  
 ▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'There are Bad Times Just Around the Corner' (1953)
- 3 I have known him come home to supper with a flood of tears, and a declaration that nothing was now left but a jail; and go to bed making a calculation of the expense of putting bow-windows to the house, 'in case anything turned up,' which was his favourite expression.  
 ▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *David Copperfield* (1850)
- 4 Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent.  
 ▪ **Jean Kerr** 1923–2003 American writer: *Finishing Touches* (1973)
- 5 but wotthehell  
 archy wotthehell  
 it s cheerio  
 my deario that  
 pulls a lady through.  
 ▪ **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet and journalist: *archy and mehitabel* (1927) 'cheerio my deario'
- 6 but wotthehell archy wotthehell  
 jamais triste archy jamais triste  
 that is my motto.  
 ▪ **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet and journalist: *archy and mehitabel* (1927) 'mehitabel sees paris'
- 7 When I am sad and weary  
 When I think all hope has gone  
 When I walk along High Holborn



I think of you with nothing on.

- **Adrian Mitchell** 1932–2008 English poet, novelist, and dramatist: 'Celia, Celia'

8 'Blessed is the man who expects nothing, for he shall never be disappointed' was the ninth beatitude.

- **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: letter to Fortescue, 23 September 1725

9 Despair is a black leather jacket that everyone looks good in. Hope is a frilly, pink dress that exposes the knees.

- **Rebecca Solnit** 1961– American writer: attributed

10 *the wife of a late 19th-century master at Eton College:*

In all disagreeable circumstances  
remember the three things which  
I always say to myself:  
I am an Englishwoman.  
I was born in wedlock.  
I am on dry land.

- **Blanche Warre-Cornish**: *Bensoniana & Cornishiana* (1935)

11 If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a couple of car payments.

- **Earl Wilson** 1907–87 American journalist: attributed

## Hospitality see PARTIES AND HOSPITALITY

# House of Lords

The House of Lords is a perfect eventide home. **Baroness Stocks**

1 The difference between the House of Commons and the House of Lords is the difference between a newly poured glass of champagne and one that has stood for five days.

- **Clement Attlee** 1883–1967 British Labour statesman: *James Nelson Wisdom for Our Times* (1961)

2 The British House of Lords is the British Outer Mongolia for retired politicians.

- **Tony Benn** 1925–2014 British Labour politician: in *Observer* 4 February 1962

3 MRS THATCHER: I do not create peers to have them vote against me in the House of Lords.

LORD DENHAM: Prime Minister, even you should know better than to expect me to find you a majority during Gold Cup week.

*exchange between the Prime Minister and the Leader of the House of Lords*

- **Lord Denham** 1927– British Conservative politician: Peter Hennessy *The Prime Minister* (2000)

4 The House of Peers, throughout the war, Did nothing in particular,

And did it very well.

- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)

5 While the Commons must bray like an ass every day

To appease their electoral hordes,  
We don't say a thing till we've  
something to say—

There's a lot to be said for the Lords.

- **A. P. Herbert** 1890–1971 English writer and humorist: *Big Ben* (1946)

6 I will be sad if I either look up or down after my death and don't see my son fast asleep on the same benches on which I have slept.

- **Lord Onslow** 1938–2011 British Conservative politician: in *Times* 31 October 1998 'Quotes of the Week'

7 *on the quality of debate in the House of Lords:*  
It is, I think, good evidence of life after death.

- **Donald Soper** 1903–98 British Methodist minister: in *Listener* 17 August 1978

8 The House of Lords is a perfect eventide home.

- **Baroness Stocks** 1891–1975 British writer: *My commonplace Book* (1970)



- 9 The House of Lords, an illusion to which I have never been able to subscribe—responsibility without power, the prerogative of the eunuch throughout the ages.

▪ **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Lord Malquist and Mr Moon* (1966)

## Housework see HOME AND HOUSEWORK

# The Human Race

Man is the Only Animal that Blushes. Or needs to. **Mark Twain**

- 1 Well, of course, people are only human...But it really does not seem much for them to be.

▪ **Ivy Compton-Burnett** 1884–1969 English novelist: *A Family and a Fortune* (1939)

- 2 of other people:

They are usually a mistake.

▪ **Quentin Crisp** 1908–99 English writer: in *Spectator* 20 November 1999

- 3 I got disappointed in human nature as well and gave it up because I found it too much like my own.

▪ **J. P. Donleavy** 1926– Irish-American novelist: *A Fairy Tale of New York* (1973)

- 4 Human beings can get used to virtually anything, given plenty of time and no choice in the matter whatsoever.

▪ **Tom Holt** 1961– English novelist: *Open Sesame* (1997)

- 5 All God's children are not beautiful. Most of God's children are, in fact, barely presentable.

▪ **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)

- 6 Men have an extraordinarily erroneous opinion of their position in nature; and the error is ineradicable.

▪ **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874–1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1896

- 7 Man is one of the toughest of animated creatures. Only the anthrax bacillus can stand so unfavourable an environment

for so long a time.

▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)

- 8 I wish I loved the Human Race;

I wish I loved its silly face;

I wish I liked the way it walks;

I wish I liked the way it talks;

And when I'm introduced to one

I wish I thought *What Jolly Fun!*

▪ **Walter Raleigh** 1861–1922 English lecturer and critic: 'Wishes of an Elderly Man' (1923)

- 9 People differ. Some object to the fan dancer, and others to the fan.

▪ **Elizabeth W. Spalding**: attributed; Dorothy Sarnoff *Speech Can Change Your Life* (1971)

- 10 I'm dealing in rock'n'roll. I'm, like, I'm not a bona fide human being.

▪ **Phil Spector** 1940– American record producer and songwriter: attributed

- 11 The only man who wasn't spoilt by being lionized was Daniel.

▪ **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852–1917 English actor-manager: Hesketh Pearson *Beerbohm Tree* (1956)

- 12 Man is the Only Animal that Blushes. Or needs to.

▪ **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Following the Equator* (1897)

- 13 Reality is something the human race doesn't handle very well.

▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: in *Radio Times* 3 January 1990



- 14 This world is a comedy to those that think, a tragedy to those that feel.
  - **Horace Walpole** 1717-97 English writer and connoisseur: letter to Anne, Countess of Upper Ossory, 16 August 1776
- 15 The real problem of humanity is the following: we have Paleolithic emotions, medieval institutions, and god-like technology.
  - **Edward O. Wilson** 1929- American sociobiologist: debate at the Harvard Museum of Natural History, Cambridge, Mass., 9 September 2009
- 16 'Have you ever seen Spode eat asparagus?'  
'No.'  
'Revolting. It alters one's whole conception of Man as Nature's last word.'
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *The Code of the Woosters* (1938)

# Humour

see also **COMEDY, WIT**

What do you mean, funny? Funny-peculiar or funny ha-ha? **Ian Hay**

- 1 The marvellous thing about a joke with a double meaning is that it can only mean one thing.
  - **Ronnie Barker** 1929-2005 English comedian: *Sauce* (1977)
- 2 Mark my words, when a society has to resort to the lavatory for its humour, the writing is on the wall.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)
- 3 When you tell an Iowan a joke, you can see a kind of race going on between his brain and his expression.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *The Lost Continent* (1989)
- 4 Without humour you cannot run a sweetie-shop, let alone a nation.
  - **John Buchan** 1875-1940 Scottish novelist: *Castle Gay* (1930)
- 5 Good jests ought to bite like lambs, not dogs: they should cut, not wound.
  - **Charles II** 1630-85 British monarch: attributed; Stephen Leacock 'A Rehabilitation of Charles II' in *Essays and Literary Studies* (1916)
- 6 A joke's a very serious thing.
  - **Charles Churchill** 1731-64 English poet: *The Ghost* (1763)
- 7 Freud's theory was that when a joke opens a window and all those bats and bogeymen fly out, you get a marvellous feeling of relief and elation. The trouble with Freud is that he never had to play the old Glasgow Empire on a Saturday night after Rangers and Celtic had both lost.
  - **Ken Dodd** 1927- British comedian: in *Guardian* 30 April 1991 (quoted in many, usually much contracted, forms since the mid-1960s)
- 8 A difference of taste in jokes is a great strain on the affections.
  - **George Eliot** 1819-80 English novelist: *Daniel Deronda* (1876)
- 9 'Tis ever thus with simple folk—an accepted wit has but to say 'Pass the mustard', and they roar their ribs out!
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *The Yeoman of the Guard* (1888)
- 10 What do you mean, funny? Funny-peculiar or funny ha-ha?
  - **Ian Hay** 1876-1952 Scottish novelist and dramatist: *The Housemaster* (1938)
- 11 A sober God-fearing man whose idea of a good joke was to lie about his age.
  - **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)



- 12 The only way to amuse some people is to slip and fall on an icy pavement.
  - **E. W. Howe** 1853-1937 American novelist and editor: *Country Town Sayings* (1911)
- 13 It's an odd job, making decent people laugh.
  - **Molière** 1622-73 French comic dramatist: *La Critique de l'école des femmes* (1663)
- 14 Good taste and humour...are a contradiction in terms, like a chaste whore.
  - **Malcolm Muggeridge** 1903-90 British journalist: in *Time* 14 September 1953
- 15 Satire is a lesson, parody is a game.
  - **Vladimir Nabokov** 1899-1977 Russian novelist: *Strong Opinions* (1974)
- 16 That's the Irish people all over—they treat a joke as a serious thing and a serious thing as a joke.
  - **Sean O'Casey** 1880-1964 Irish dramatist: *The Shadow of a Gunman* (1923)
- 17 Laughter is pleasant, but the exertion is too much for me.
  - **Thomas Love Peacock** 1785-1866 English novelist and poet: *Nightmare Abbey* (1818)
- 18 Everything is funny as long as it is happening to Somebody Else.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879-1935 American actor and humorist: *The Illiterate Digest* (1924) 'Warning to Jokers: lay off the prince'
- 19 There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879-1935 American actor and humorist: in Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)
- 20 For every ten jokes, thou hast got an hundred enemies.
  - **Laurence Sterne** 1713-68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1769)
- 21 It would be a sad reflection on any satirical programme if no one ended up taking offence at some point.
  - **Meera Syal** 1963- British actress and writer: in *Independent* 30 November 2002
- 22 Humour is emotional chaos remembered in tranquillity.
  - **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: in *New York Post* 29 February 1960
- 23 That joke was lost on the foreigner—guides cannot master the subtleties of the American joke.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *The Innocents Abroad* (1869)
- 24 Laughter would be bereaved if snobbery died.
  - **Peter Ustinov** 1921-2004 British actor, director, and writer: in *Observer* 13 March 1955
- 25 It's hard to be funny when you have to be clean.
  - **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress: Joseph Weintraub *The Wit and Wisdom of Mae West* (1967)
- 26 She had a penetrating sort of laugh. Rather like a train going into a tunnel.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *The Inimitable Jeeves* (1923)

# Husbands

see also **MARRIAGE**

Husbands are like fires. They go out when unattended. **Zsa Zsa Gabor**

- 1 The most popular labour-saving device today is still a husband with money.
  - **Joey Adams** 1911-99 American comedian: *Cindy and I* (1959)
- 2 showing Lord Esher the corpse of her notoriously unfaithful husband, King Edward VII: Now at least I know where he is!
  - **Queen Alexandra** 1844-1925: Piers Brandon *Our Own Dear Queen* (1986)



- 3 My husband will never chase another woman. He's too fine, too decent, too old.  
on her husband, *George Burns*  
▪ **Gracie Allen** 1895-1964 American comedienne: attributed
- 4 Bigamy is having one husband too many. Monogamy is the same.  
▪ **Anonymous**: Erica Jong *Fear of Flying* (1973)
- 5 If a woman laughs at her husband's joke, it means he has told a new joke or he has a new wife.  
▪ **Anonymous**: saying
- 6 I married beneath me, all women do.  
▪ **Nancy Astor** 1879-1964 American-born British Conservative politician: in *Dictionary of National Biography* 1961-1970 (1981)
- 7 My husband said he needed more space, so I locked him outside.  
▪ **Roseanne Barr** 1953- American comedienne and actress: from her stand-up routine
- 8 I knew her when she didn't know where her next husband was coming from.  
▪ **Anne Baxter** 1923-85 American actress: attributed, but probably apocryphal; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 9 Being a husband is a whole-time job. That is why so many husbands fail. They cannot give their entire attention to it.  
▪ **Arnold Bennett** 1867-1931 English novelist: *The Title* (1918)
- 10 Never marry a man who hates his mother, because he'll end up hating you.  
▪ **Jill Bennett** 1931-90 English actress: in *Observer* 12 September 1982 'Sayings of the Week'
- 11 I am about to be married—and am of course in all the misery of a man in pursuit of happiness.  
▪ **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: letter, 15 October 1814
- 12 Yblessed be god that I have wedded fyve! Welcome the sixte, whan that evere he shal.  
▪ **Geoffrey Chaucer** c.1343-1400 English poet: *The Canterbury Tales* 'The Wife of Bath's Prologue'
- 13 A girl can wait for the right man, but in the meantime that doesn't mean she can't have a wonderful time with the wrong ones.  
▪ **Cher** 1946- American singer and actress: in *Birmingham Post* 30 December 2003
- 14 Every woman should marry an archaeologist because she grows increasingly attractive to him as she grows increasingly to resemble a ruin.  
▪ **Agatha Christie** 1890-1976 English writer of detective fiction: Russell H. Fitzgibbon *The Agatha Christie Companion* (1980); attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 15 I've never yet met a man who could look after me. I don't need a husband. What I need is a wife.  
▪ **Joan Collins** 1933- British actress: in *Sunday Times* 27 December 1987
- 16 To catch a husband is an art, to keep him a job.  
▪ **Simone de Beauvoir** 1908-86 French novelist and feminist: attributed
- 17 The desire to get married is a basic and primal instinct in women. It's followed by another basic and primal instinct: the desire to be single again.  
▪ **Nora Ephron** 1941-2012 American screenwriter and director: attributed; in *Globe and Mail* 28 June 2012
- 18 Husbands are like fires. They go out when unattended.  
▪ **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917- Hungarian-born actress: in *Newsweek* 28 March 1960
- 19 when asked how many husbands she had had: You mean apart from my own?  
▪ **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917- Hungarian-born actress: K. Edwards *I Wish I'd Said That* (1976)
- 20 The best thing about being married is having someone who puts out the rubbish.  
▪ **Ulrika Jonsson** 1967- Swedish television presenter: in *Mail on Sunday* 30 October 2005
- 21 The husband who wants a happy marriage should learn to keep his mouth shut and his cheque book open.  
▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: attributed
- 22 I'm Henery the Eighth, I am!  
Henery the Eighth, I am, I am!



- I got married to the widow next door,  
She's been married seven times before.  
Every one was a Henery,  
She wouldn't have a Willie or a Sam.  
I'm her eighth old man named Henery  
I'm Henery the Eighth, I am!
- **Fred Murray** 'I'm Henery the Eighth, I Am!' (1911)
- 23 He tells you when you've got on too  
much lipstick,  
And helps you with your girdle when  
your hips stick.
- **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'The Perfect Husband' (1949)
- 24 To keep your marriage brimming  
With love in the loving cup,  
Whenever you're wrong, admit it,  
Whenever you're right, shut up.
- **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'A Word to Husbands' (1957)
- 25 WIFE OF TWO YEARS' STANDING: Oh yes!  
I'm sure he's not so fond of me as at  
first. He's away so much, neglects me  
dreadfully, and he's so cross when he  
comes home. What *shall* I do?  
WIDOW: Feed the brute!
- **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 89 (1885)
- 26 Trust your husband, adore your  
husband, and get as much as you can in  
your own name.
- **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 27 A husband is what is left of a lover, after  
the nerve has been extracted.
- **Helen Rowland** 1875-1950 American writer: *A Guide to Men* (1922)
- 28 When you see what some girls marry,  
you realise how they must hate to work  
for a living.
- **Helen Rowland** 1875-1950 American writer: *Reflections of a Bachelor Girl* (1909)
- 29 She will keep no fool, sir, till she be  
married, and fools are as like husbands  
as pilchards are to herrings—the  
husband's the bigger.
- **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Twelfth Night* (1601)
- 30 A husband should not insult his wife  
publicly, at parties. He should insult her  
in the privacy of the home.
- **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: *Thurber Country* (1953)
- 31 He would grab me in his arms, hold me  
close—and tell me how wonderful he was.  
*of her ex-husband Vittorio Gassman*
- **Shelley Winters** 1922-2006 American actress: attributed, 1955
- 32 Chumps always make the best  
husbands. When you marry, Sally, grab  
a chump. Tap his forehead first, and  
if it rings solid, don't hesitate. All the  
unhappy marriages come from the  
husbands having brains.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *The Adventures of Sally* (1920)

# Hypocrisy

Most people sell their souls, and live with a good conscience on the proceeds.  
**Logan Pearsall Smith**

- 1 There are moments when we  
in the British press can show  
extraordinary sensitivity; these  
moments usually coincide with  
the death of a proprietor, or a  
proprietor's wife.
- **Craig Brown** 1957- British satirist: *Craig Brown's Greatest Hits* (1993)
- 2 In England the only homage which they  
pay to Virtue—is hypocrisy.
- **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: letter, 11 May 1821
- 3 We are so very 'umble.  
*Uriah Heep*
- **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *David Copperfield* (1850)



- 4 He combines the manners of a Marquis with the morals of a Methodist.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Ruddigore* (1887)
- 5 ‘Ye’es, ye’es,’ he finally observed with a certain dry relish, ‘ye’es, I think I see some adulterers down there.’  
in the Press Gallery of the House of Commons during the Profumo scandal
  - **Maurice Green** 1906–87: recorded by Colin Welch; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 6 If I were two-faced would I be wearing this one?
  - **Abraham Lincoln** 1809–65 American statesman: attributed
- 7 In 1969 I published a small book on Humility. It was a pioneering work which has not, to my knowledge, been superseded.
  - **Lord Longford** 1905–2001 British Labour politician and philanthropist: in *The Tablet* 22 January 1994
- 8 An orgy looks particularly alluring seen through the mists of righteous indignation.
  - **Malcolm Muggeridge** 1903–90 British journalist: *The Most of Malcolm Muggeridge* (1966) ‘Dolce Vita in a Cold Climate’
- 9 King David and King Solomon  
Led merry, merry lives,  
With many, many lady friends,  
And many, many wives;  
But when old age crept over them—  
With many, many qualms!—  
King Solomon wrote the Proverbs  
And King David wrote the Psalms.
  - **James Ball Naylor** 1860–1945 American writer and physician: ‘King David and King Solomon’ (1935)
- 10 Most people sell their souls, and live with a good conscience on the proceeds.
  - **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865–1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931) ‘Other People’
- 11 I hope you have not been leading a double life, pretending to be wicked and being really good all the time. That would be hypocrisy.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)

## Ideas

I had a monumental idea this morning, but I didn’t like it. **Sam Goldwyn**

- 1 I ran into Isosceles. He has a great idea for a new triangle!
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *If the Impressionists had been Dentists* (1978)
- 2 The only reason some people get lost in thought is because it’s unfamiliar territory.
  - **Paul Fix** 1901–83 American actor: attributed
- 3 An original idea. That can’t be too hard. The library must be full of them.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: *The Liar* (1991)
- 4 I had a monumental idea this morning, but I didn’t like it.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: *N. Zierold Hollywood Tycoons* (1969)
- 5 The chief end of man is to frame general ideas—and...no general idea is worth a damn.
  - **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.** 1841–1935 American lawyer: letter to Morris R. Cohen, 12 April 1915
- 6 It is better to entertain an idea than to take it home to live with you for the rest of your life.
  - **Randall Jarrell** 1914–65 American poet: *Pictures from an Institution* (1954)
- 7 There are some ideas so wrong that only a very intelligent person could believe in them.
  - **George Orwell** 1903–50 English novelist: attributed



- 8 The English approach to ideas is not to kill them, but to let them die of neglect.
  - **Jeremy Paxman** 1950– British journalist and broadcaster: *The English: a portrait of a people* (1998)
- 9 My sole inspiration is a telephone call from a producer.
  - **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: *The Cole Porter Story* (with Richard G. Hubler, 1965)

## Idleness

I'm burning the midday oil! **Ronald Reagan**

- 1 If I am doing nothing, I like to be doing nothing to some purpose. That is what leisure means.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *A Question of Attribution* (1989)
- 2 I do nothing, granted. But I see the hours pass—which is better than trying to fill them.
  - **E. M. Cioran** 1911–95 Romanian-born French philosopher: in *Guardian* 11 May 1993
- 3 It is impossible to enjoy idling thoroughly unless one has plenty of work to do.
  - **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859–1927 English writer: *Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow* (1886) 'On Being Idle'
- 4 My son's taken up meditation—at least it's better than sitting doing nothing.
  - **Max Kauffman** American artist: attributed
- 5 *on being accused of idleness:*  
I'm burning the midday oil!
  - **Ronald Reagan** 1911–2004 American Republican statesman: attributed, William Doyle *Inside the Oval Office* (1999)
- 6 We start at three o'clock in the afternoon, we go through to dinner time, we have one break...nose to the grindstone.  
*on rehearsals for the Rolling Stones 50th anniversary tour*
  - **Ronnie Wood** 1947– English rock musician: in *New Musical Express* 23 October 2012

## Ignorance

You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects. **Will Rogers**

- 1 Mr Kremlin himself was distinguished for ignorance, for he had only one idea,—and that was wrong.
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Sybil* (1845)
- 2 *on being asked why he had defined pasture in his dictionary as the 'knee' of a horse:*  
Ignorance, madam, pure ignorance.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 1755
- 3 *in response to the comment on another lawyer, 'It may be doubted whether any man of our generation has plunged more deeply into the*  
*sacred fount of learning':*  
Or come up drier.
  - **Abraham Lincoln** 1809–65 American statesman: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 4 You know everybody is ignorant, only on different subjects.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879–1935 American actor and humorist: in *New York Times* 31 August 1924
- 5 Reports that say that something hasn't happened are always interesting to me, because as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known



unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns—the ones we don't know we don't know.

- **Donald Rumsfeld** 1932– American Republican politician and businessman: news briefing, February 2002; the statement won the Plain English Campaign's Foot in Mouth award

6 Ignorance is like a delicate exotic fruit; touch it and the bloom is gone.

- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)

# Insults and Invective

see also **COMEBACKS**

Simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up. **Paul Keating**

- 1 Helen Hayes was suffering from fallen archness.  
*on her appearance in The Wren*
  - **Franklin P. Adams** 1881–1960 American journalist and humorist: Helen Hayes and Sandford Dody *On Reflection* (1969)
- 2 The reason Michael Jackson entitled his album *Bad* was because he couldn't spell *Indescribable*.
  - **Anonymous**: in 1987, Nigel Rees (ed.) *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 3 Lord Birkenhead is very clever but sometimes his brains go to his head.
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864–1945 British political hostess: in *Listener* 11 June 1953 'Margot Oxford' by Lady Violet Bonham Carter
- 4 The *t* is silent, as in *Harlow*.  
*to Jean Harlow, who had been mispronouncing her first name*
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864–1945 British political hostess: T. S. Matthews *Great Tom* (1973)
- 5 Mr Bennet dissuading his daughter Mary from continuing to sing:  
You have delighted us long enough.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775–1817 English novelist: *Pride and Prejudice* (1813)
- 6 I didn't know he'd been knighted. I knew he'd been doctored.  
*on rival conductor Malcolm Sargent's knighthood*
  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: attributed
- 7 If there is anybody here that I have forgotten to insult, I apologize.  
*leaving a gathering*
  - **Johannes Brahms** 1833–97 German composer: attributed; Oscar Levant *A Smattering of Ignorance* (1940)
- 8 *shouting at his whist partner*:  
Ye stupid auld bitch—I beg yer pardon, mem. I mistook ye for my wife.
  - **Lord Braxfield** 1722–99: attributed; quoted in *Literary Review* November 2003
- 9 The 'g' is silent—the only thing about her that is.  
*of Camille Paglia*
  - **Julie Burchill** 1960– English journalist and writer: in *The Spectator* 16 January 1992
- 10 Lillian Gish may be a charming person, but she is not Ophelia. She comes on stage as if she had been sent for to sew rings on the new curtains.
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: Margot Peters *Mrs Pat* (1984)
- 11 *to an elderly scientist who had bored her by talking interminably about the social organization of ants, which have 'their own police force and their own army'*:  
No navy, I suppose?
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: James Agate diary, 11 February 1944
- 12 When he said we were trying to make a fool of him I could only murmur that



the Creator had beat us to it.

- **Ilka Chase** 1905-78 American actress and writer: *Past Imperfect* (1945)

13 I have derived continued benefit from criticism at all periods of my life and I do not remember any time when I was ever short of it.

- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: in House of Commons 27 November 1914

14 She's been kissed oftener than a police-court Bible and by much the same class of people.

- **Robertson Davies** 1913-95 Canadian novelist: *Fifth Business* (1970)

15 Why am I so good at playing bitches? I think it's because I'm not a bitch. Maybe that why Miss Crawford always plays ladies.

- **Bette Davis** 1908-89 American actress: *This 'n That* (1987, with Michael Herskowitz)

16 He is just about the nastiest little man I've ever known. He struts sitting down.

on American politician Thomas E. Dewey

- **Lillian Dykstra** American journalist: to Franz Dykstra, 8 July 1952, James T. Patterson *Mr Republican* (1972)

17 on hearing that Nancy Mitford was borrowing a friend's villa 'to finish her book':

Oh really? What exactly is she reading?

- **Edith Evans** 1888-1976 English actress: attributed

18 [Ernest Hemingway's *The Sun Also Rises* is about] bullfighting, bullslinging, and bull—.

- **Zelda Fitzgerald** 1900-47: Marion Meade *What Fresh Hell Is This?* (1988)

19 I won't say she was silly, but I think one of us was silly, and it wasn't me.

- **Elizabeth Gaskell** 1810-65 English novelist: *Wives and Daughters* (1866)

20 No one can have a higher opinion of him than I have—and I think he is a dirty little beast.

- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: attributed

21 There never was a Churchill from John of Marlborough down that had either

morals or principles.

- **W. E. Gladstone** 1809-98 British Liberal statesman: in conversation in 1882, recorded by Captain R. V. Briscoe; R. F. Foster *Lord Randolph Churchill* (1981)

22 A very weak-minded fellow I am afraid, and, like the feather pillow, bears the marks of the last person who has sat on him!

of Lord Derby

- **Earl Haig** 1861-1928 British general: letter to Lady Haig, 14 January 1918

23 on being criticized by Geoffrey Howe: Like being savaged by a dead sheep.

- **Denis Healey** 1917- British Labour politician: speech, House of Commons 14 June 1978

24 Some men are born mediocre, some men achieve mediocrity, and some men have mediocrity thrust upon them. With Major Major it had been all three.

- **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)

25 When you cannot answer your opponent's logic, do not be discouraged—You can still call him vile names.

- **Elbert Hubbard** 1859-1915 American writer: 'Colonel William D'Alton Mann' in *Hundred-Point-Men* (1998)

26 to a subordinate: You couldn't pour piss out of a boot if the instructions were printed on the heel.

- **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: Robert Caro *The Years of Lyndon Johnson: Master of the Senate*

27 As an actress, her only flair is in her nostrils.

of Candice Bergen

- **Pauline Kael** 1919-2001 American film critic: in *Life* 8 April 1966

28 This little flower, this delicate little beauty, this cream puff, is supposed to be beyond personal criticism...He is simply a shiver looking for a spine to run up.

of John Hewson, the Australian Liberal leader

- **Paul Keating** 1944- Australian Labor statesman: in Ned Sherrin in *His Anecdote* (1993)



- 29 There's nothing wrong with you that reincarnation won't cure.  
 ▪ **Jack E. Leonard** 1910-73 American comedian: attributed
- 30 *on Stephen A. Douglas's doctrine of 'popular sovereignty':*  
 Has it not got down as thin as the homeopathic soup that was made by boiling the shadow of a pigeon that had starved to death?  
 ▪ **Abraham Lincoln** 1809-65 American statesman: speech at Quincy, Illinois, 12 October 1858
- 31 The truckman, the trashman and the policeman on the block may call me Alice but you may not.  
*to Senator Joseph McCarthy*  
 ▪ **Alice Roosevelt Longworth** 1884-1980 American socialite: Michael Teague Mrs. L (1981)
- 32 *on hearing that a Hollywood agent had swum safely in shark-infested waters:*  
 I think that's what they call professional courtesy.  
 ▪ **Herman J. Mankiewicz** 1897-1953 American screenwriter: attributed; Nigel Rees Cassell *Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 33 I never forget a face, but in your case I'll be glad to make an exception.  
 ▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: Leo Rosten *People I have Loved, Known or Admired* (1970) 'Groucho'
- 34 I've had a perfectly wonderful evening, but this wasn't it.  
 ▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: attributed, but denied by Marx in *Salt Lake Tribune* 11 March 1962
- 35 The only thing Madonna will ever do like a virgin is give birth in a stable.  
 ▪ **Bette Midler** 1945- American actress: attributed
- 36 If you say a modern celebrity is an adulterer, a pervert and a drug addict, all it means is that you've read his autobiography.  
 ▪ **P.J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Give War a Chance* (1992)
- 37 The affair between Margot Asquith and Margot Asquith will live as one of the prettiest love stories in all literature.  
 ▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: review of Margot Asquith's *Lay Sermons*; in *New Yorker* 22 October 1927
- 38 *on hearing that a well-known English actress, famous for her love affairs with members of the legal profession, had broken her leg:*  
 She must have done it sliding down a barrister.  
 ▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: John Keats *You Might As Well Live* (1970)
- 39 *on Marion Davies, mistress of Randolph Hearst and aspiring movie actress:*  
 Miss Davies has two expressions—joy and indigestion.  
 ▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: attributed; early sources cite an anonymous reviewer
- 40 I'm not offended at all, because I know I'm not a dumb blonde. I also know I'm not blonde.  
 ▪ **Dolly Parton** 1946- American singer and songwriter: M. Palmer *Small Talk, Big Names: 40 Years of Rock Quotes* (1993)
- 41 A cherub's face, a reptile all the rest.  
 ▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688-1744 English poet: of Lord Hervey; 'An Epistle to Dr Arbuthnot' (1735)
- 42 A wit with dunces, and a dunce with wits.  
 ▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688-1744 English poet: *The Dunciad* (1742)
- 43 Don't look at me, Sir, with—ah—in that tone of voice.  
 ▪ **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 87 (1884)
- 44 Elizabeth Taylor is wearing Orson Welles designer jeans.  
 ▪ **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: attributed; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 45 Diana Rigg is built like a brick mausoleum with insufficient flying buttresses.  
*review of Abelard and Heloise in 1970*  
 ▪ **John Simon** 1925- American critic: Diana Rigg *No Turn Unstoned* (1982)
- 46 *on being approached by the secretary of the Athenaeum, which he had been in the habit of*



- using as a convenience on the way to his office:  
Good God, do you mean to say this place is a club?
- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: attributed
- 47 JUDGE: You are extremely offensive, young man.  
SMITH: As a matter of fact, we both are, and the only difference between us is that I am trying to be, and you can't help it.
- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: Lord Birkenhead Earl of Birkenhead (1933)
- 48 on a proposal to surround St Paul's with a wooden pavement:  
Let the Dean and Canons lay their heads together and the thing will be done.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: H. Pearson *The Smith of Smiths* (1934)
- 49 [Richard Nixon is] the kind of politician who would cut down a redwood tree, and then mount the stump and make a speech on conservation.
- **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: Fawn M. Brodie *Richard Nixon* (1983)
- 50 I regard you with an indifference closely bordering on aversion.
- **Robert Louis Stevenson** 1850-94 Scottish novelist: *New Arabian Nights* (1882)
- 51 Hey girls, seen much of Cinderella since the wedding?  
upon meeting two ugly sisters
- **John Sullivan** 1946-2011 English screenwriter: *Only Fools and Horses* (BBC TV, 1981-2003), spoken by David Jason as Del Boy
- 52 He never chooses an opinion, he just wears whatever happens to be in style.
- **Leo Tolstoy** 1828-1910 Russian novelist: attributed
- 53 when pressed by a gramophone company for a written testimonial:  
Sirs, I have tested your machine. It adds a new terror to life and makes death a long-felt want.
- **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852-1917 English actor-manager: Hesketh Pearson *Beerbohm Tree* (1956)
- 54 There, standing at the piano, was the original good time who had been had by all.
- **Kenneth Tynan** 1927-80 English theatre critic: at an Oxford Union Debate, while an undergraduate; attributed (also attributed to Bette Davis of a passing starlet)
- 55 Looking and sounding not unlike Hitler, but without the charm.  
on William F. Buckley Jr.
- **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: in *Time* 1969
- 56 Every other inch a gentleman.
- **Rebecca West** 1892-1983 English novelist and journalist: of Michael Arlen; Victoria Glendinning *Rebecca West* (1987)
- 57 CECILY: When I see a spade I call it a spade.  
GWENDOLEN: I am glad to say that I have never seen a spade.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 58 Yes, dear Frank [Harris], we believe you: you have dined in every house in London, *once*.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: William Rothenstein *Men and Memories* (1931)
- 59 She's been on more laps than a napkin.
- **Walter Winchell** 1897-1972 American journalist: attributed, in *Reader's Digest* (1937)



# Intelligence and Intellectuals

see also **MIND**

Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration.

**Thomas Alva Edison**

- 1 On the planet Earth Man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much...the wheel, New York, wars, and so on, whilst all the dolphins had ever done was muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely the dolphins believed themselves to be more intelligent than man for precisely the same reasons.
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952-2001 English science fiction writer: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (BBC radio, 1978)
- 2 *definition of an intellectual:*  
Someone who can listen to the William Tell Overture without thinking of the Lone Ranger.
  - **Anonymous:** attributed to many people from the mid-twentieth-century
- 3 To the man-in-the-street, who,  
I'm sorry to say,  
Is a keen observer of life,  
The word 'Intellectual' suggests straight away  
A man who's untrue to his wife.
  - **W. H. Auden** 1907-73 English poet: *New Year Letter* (1941)
- 4 *to H.G. Wells:*  
It is all very well to be able to write books, but can you wag your ears?
  - **J. M. Barrie** 1860-1937 Scottish writer and dramatist: *J. A. Hammerton Barrie: The Story of a Genius* (1929)
- 5 I am sure some people think I have not got the brains to be that clever, but I do have the brains.  
*on how he intentionally picked up a yellow card in England's World Cup match against Wales*
  - **David Beckham** 1975- English footballer: in *Mail on Sunday* 17 October 2004
- 6 Men of genius are so few that they ought to atone for their fewness by being at any rate ubiquitous.
  - **Max Beerbohm** 1872-1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: letter to W. B. Yeats, 11 July 1911
- 7 But—Oh! ye lords of ladies intellectual, Inform us truly, have they not hen-pecked you all?
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)
- 8 Genius is one per cent inspiration, ninety-nine per cent perspiration.
  - **Thomas Alva Edison** 1847-1931 American inventor: said c.1903; in *Harper's Monthly Magazine* September 1932
- 9 With the thoughts I'd be thinkin'  
I could be another Lincoln,  
If I only had a brain.
  - **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'If I Only Had a Brain' (1939)
- 10 Whenever I hear the word culture...I release the safety-catch of my Browning! often attributed to Hermann Goering, and quoted as 'Whenever I hear the word culture, I reach for my pistol!'
  - **Hanns Johst** 1890-1978 German dramatist: *Schlageter* (1933)
- 11 Probably the greatest concentration of talent and genius in this house except for perhaps those times when Thomas Jefferson ate alone.  
*of a dinner for Nobel Prizewinners at the White House*
  - **John F. Kennedy** 1917-63 American Democratic statesman: in *New York Times* 30 April 1962
- 12 *I think, therefore I am* is the statement of an intellectual who underrates toothaches.
  - **Milan Kundera** 1929- Czech novelist: *Immortality* (1991)



- 13 No one in this world, so far as I know—and I have searched the records for years, and employed agents to help me—has ever lost money by underestimating the intelligence of the great masses of the plain people.
- **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: in *Chicago Tribune* 19 September 1926
- 14 She does not understand the concept of Roman numerals. She thinks we just fought World War Eleven.
- **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 15 My wish was that my husband should be distinguished for intellect, and my children too. I have had my wish,—and I now wish that there were a little less intellect in the family so as to allow for a little more common sense.
- **Frances Rossetti** 1800–86: William Rossetti (ed.) *Dante Gabriel Rossetti: His Family Letters with a Memoir* (1895)
- 16 What is a highbrow? He is a man who has found something more interesting than women.
- **Edgar Wallace** 1875–1932 English thriller writer: in *New York Times* 24 January 1932
- 17 I have nothing to declare except my genius.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: at the New York Custom House; Frank Harris *Oscar Wilde* (1918)
- 18 ‘Jeeves is a wonder.’  
‘A marvel.’  
‘What a brain.’  
‘Size nine-and-a-quarter, I should say.’  
‘He eats a lot of fish.’
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *Thank You, Jeeves* (1934)
- 19 I know I’ve got a degree. Why does that mean I have to spend my life with intellectuals? I’ve got a life-saving certificate but I don’t spend my evenings diving for a rubber brick with my pyjamas on.
- **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: *Mens Sana in Thingummy Doodah* (1990)

## The Internet see COMPUTERS AND THE INTERNET

## Invective see INSULTS AND INVECTIVE

# Ireland and the Irish

see also COUNTRIES

I’m Irish. We think sideways. **Spike Milligan**

- PAT: He was an Anglo-Irishman.  
MEG: In the blessed name of God what’s that?  
PAT: A Protestant with a horse.
  - We’ve never been cool, we’re hot. Irish people are Italians who can’t dress,
  - Jamaicans who can’t dance.
- **Bono** 1960– Irish rock star: interview, 25 February 2001; in *Independent* 26 February 2001
- Where would the Irish be without someone to be Irish at?
- **Elizabeth Bowen** 1899–1973 British novelist and short-story writer, born in Ireland: *The House in Paris* (1935)



- 4 In some parts of Ireland the sleep which knows no waking is always followed by a wake which knows no sleeping.
  - **Mary Wilson Little** 1897-1951 Irish novelist: *Reveries of a Paragapher* (1897)
- 5 I'm Irish. We think sideways.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: in *Independent on Sunday* 20 June 1999
- 6 He'd...settled into a life of Guinness, sarcasm and late late nights, the kind of life that American academics think real Dubliners lead.
  - **Joseph O'Connor** 1963- Irish novelist: *Cowboys and Indians* (1991)
- 7 Gladstone...spent his declining years trying to guess the answer to the Irish Question; unfortunately whenever he was getting warm, the Irish secretly changed the Question.
  - **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)
- 8 An Irishman's heart is nothing but his imagination.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *John Bull's Other Island* (1907)
- 9 *denying that he was Irish:*  
Because a man is born in a stable, that does not make him a horse.
  - **Duke of Wellington** 1769-1852 British soldier and statesman: Paul Johnson (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Political Anecdotes* (1986)

## Jewellery

A diamond is the only kind of ice that keeps a girl warm. **Elizabeth Taylor**

- 1 Every engagement ring should have at least one diamond or there is something very wrong—with the ring and the relationship.
  - **Francis Boulle** 1988- British businessman: *Boulle's Jewels, The Business of Life* (2012)
- 2 Don't ever wear artistic jewellery; it wrecks a woman's reputation.
  - **Colette** 1873-1954 French novelist: *Gigi* (1944)
- 3 You've got so much ice on your hands I could skate on them.
  - **John Curry** 1949-94 British skater: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 4 I never hated a man enough to give him diamonds back.
  - **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917- Hungarian-born actress: in *Observer* 25 August 1957
- 5 Men grow cold as girls grow old  
And we all lose our charms in the end.  
But square cut or pear shape,  
These rocks won't lose their shape,  
Diamonds are a girl's best friend.
  - **Leo Robin** 1900-84 American songwriter: 'Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend' (1949)
- 6 A diamond is the only kind of ice that keeps a girl warm.
  - **Elizabeth Taylor** 1932- English-born American actress: attributed

**Journalism** *see* **NEWSPAPERS AND JOURNALISM**



# Judges

see also **CRIME, LAW**

I don't want to know what the law is, I want to know who the judge is.

**Roy M. Cohn**

- 1 Reform! Reform! Aren't things bad enough already?
  - **Mr Justice Astbury** 1860-1939 British judge: attributed
- 2 *affecting not to recognize Lord Campbell, the newly appointed Lord Chancellor, whom he encountered enveloped in a huge fur coat: I beg your pardon, My Lord. I mistook you for the Great Seal.*
  - **Richard Bethell** 1800-73 British lawyer: J. B. Atlay *Victorian Chancellors* (1908)
- 3 CONVICTED CRIMINAL: As God is my judge—I am innocent.  
LORD BIRKETT: He isn't; I am, and you're not!
  - **Lord Birkett** 1883-1962 English barrister and judge: attributed; Matthew Parris *Scorn* (1994)
- 4 I always approach Judge [Lemuel] Shaw as a savage approaches his fetish, knowing that he is ugly but feeling that he is great.
  - **Rufus Choate** 1799-1859 American lawyer and politician: Van Wyck Brooks *The Flowering of New England* (1936)
- 5 I don't want to know what the law is, I want to know who the judge is.
  - **Roy M. Cohn** 1927-86 American lawyer: in *New York Times Book Review* 3 April 1988
- 6 Did you mail that cheque to the Judge?
  - **Roy M. Cohn** 1927-86 American lawyer: spoken to an aide, at breakfast with Ned Sherrin, 1978
- 7 Yes, I could have been a judge but I never had the Latin, never had the Latin for the judging...—and so I became a miner instead.
  - **Peter Cook** 1937-95 English satirist and actor: *Beyond the Fringe* (1961 revue)
- 8 *the judge Sir James Mansfield had suggested that the Court might sit on Good Friday: If your Lordship pleases. But your Lordship will be the first judge who has done so since Pontius Pilate. the Court did not sit*
  - **William Davy** d. 1780: Edward Parry *The Seven Lamps of Advocacy* (1923)
- 9 *of Judges Learned and Augustus Hand: Quote Learned, and follow 'Gus'.*
  - **Robert H. Jackson** 1892-1954 American lawyer and judge: Hershel Shanks *The Art and Craft of Judging* (1968)
- 10 I always feel that there should be some comfort derived from any question from the bench. It is clear proof that the inquiring Justice is not asleep.
  - **Robert H. Jackson** 1892-1954 American lawyer and judge: 'Advocacy before the Supreme Court: Suggestions for Effective Presentation' (1951)
- 11 Poor fellow, I suppose he fancied he was on the bench.  
*on hearing that a judge had slept through his play Pizarro*
  - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: Walter Jerrold *Bon-Mots* (1893)
- 12 JUDGE: I have read your case, Mr Smith, and I am no wiser now than I was when I started.  
SMITH: Possibly not, My Lord, but far better informed.
  - **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: Lord Birkenhead *F. E.* (1959)
- 13 JUDGE WILLIS: Mr Smith, have you ever heard of a saying by Bacon—the great Bacon—that youth and discretion are ill-wed companions?



SMITH: Indeed I have, your Honour; and has your Honour ever heard of a saying by Bacon—the great Bacon—that a much talking Judge is like an ill-tuned cymbal?

- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: Lord Birkenhead *F. E.* (1959)

14 JUDGE: What do you suppose I am on the Bench for, Mr Smith?

SMITH: It is not for me, Your Honour, to attempt to fathom the inscrutable workings of Providence.

- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: Lord Birkenhead *F. E.* (1959 ed.)

# Kissing

Kissing don't last: cookery do! **George Meredith**

- 1 What do you get when you kiss a guy?  
You get enough germs to catch pneumonia.  
After you do, he'll never phone you.  
▪ **Hal David** 1921-2012 American songwriter: 'I'll Never Fall In Love Again' (1968 song)
- 2 A fine romance with no kisses.  
A fine romance, my friend, this is.  
We should be like a couple of hot tomatoes,  
But you're as cold as yesterday's mashed potatoes.  
▪ **Dorothy Fields** 1905-74 American songwriter: 'A Fine Romance' (1936 song)
- 3 Oh, innocent victims of Cupid,  
Remember this terse little verse;  
To let a fool kiss you is stupid,  
To let a kiss fool you is worse.  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'Inscriptions on a Lipstick' (1965)
- 4 Being kissed by a man who *didn't* wax his moustache was—like eating an egg without salt.  
▪ **Rudyard Kipling** 1865-1936 English writer and poet: *The Story of the Gadsbys* (1889) 'Poor Dear Mamma'
- 5 on being discovered by his wife with a chorus girl:  
I wasn't kissing her, I was just whispering in her mouth.  
▪ **Chico Marx** 1891-1961 American film comedian: Groucho Marx and Richard J. Anobile *Marx Brothers Scrapbook* (1973)
- 6 When women kiss it always reminds one of prize-fighters shaking hands.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Chrestomathy* (1949)
- 7 Kissing don't last: cookery do!  
▪ **George Meredith** 1828-1909 English novelist and poet: *The Ordeal of Richard Feverel* (1859)
- 8 A kiss can be a comma, a question mark or an exclamation point. That's basic spelling that every woman ought to know.  
▪ **Mistinguett** 1875-1956 French actress: in *Theatre Arts* December 1955
- 9 I smoked my first cigarette and kissed my first woman on the same day. I have never had time for tobacco since.  
▪ **Arturo Toscanini** 1867-1957 Italian conductor: in *Observer* 30 June 1946



# Language

see also **LANGUAGES, WORDS**

This is the sort of English up with which I will not put. **Winston Churchill**

- 1 Sentence structure is innate but whining is acquired.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: 'Remembering Needleman' (1976)
- 2 Don't swear, boy. It shows a lack of vocabulary.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)
- 3 If Miss means respectably unmarried, and Mrs respectably married, then Ms means nudge, nudge, wink, wink.
  - **Angela Carter** 1940–92 English novelist: 'The Language of Sisterhood' in C. Ricks (ed.) *The State of the Language* (1980)
- 4 Would you convey my compliments to the purist who reads your proofs and tell him or her that I write in a sort of broken-down patois which is something like the way a Swiss waiter talks, and that when I split an infinitive, God damn it, I split it so it will stay split.
  - **Raymond Chandler** 1888–1959 American writer of detective fiction: letter to Edward Weeks, 18 January 1947
- 5 This is the sort of English up with which I will not put.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: Ernest Gowers *Plain Words* (1948) 'Troubles with Prepositions'
- 6 Where in this small-talking world can I find  
A longitude with no platitude?
  - **Christopher Fry** 1907–2005 English dramatist: *The Lady's not for Burning* (1949)
- 7 Backward ran sentences until reeled the mind.  
*satirizing the style of Time magazine*
  - **Wolcott Gibbs** 1902–58 American critic: in *New Yorker* 28 November 1936 'Time... Fortune...Life...Luce'
- 8 When you're lying awake with a dismal headache, and repose is taboo'd by anxiety,  
I conceive you may use any language you choose to indulge in, without impropriety.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)
- 9 Though 'Bother it' I may  
Occasionally say,  
I never use a big, big D—
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *HMS Pinafore* (1878)
- 10 There was so little English in that answer that President Chirac would have been happy with it.
  - **William Hague** 1961– British Conservative politician: confronting John Prescott at Prime Minister's questions in the House of Commons, 29 March 2006
- 11 The minute a phrase becomes current it becomes an apology for not thinking accurately to the end of the sentence.
  - **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.** 1841–1935 American lawyer: letter to Harold Laski, 2 July 1917
- 12 *on the first-person plural pronoun:*  
The only person entitled to use the imperial 'we' in speaking of himself is a king, an editor, and a man with a tapeworm.
  - **Robert G. Ingersoll** 1833–99 American agnostic: in *Los Angeles Times* 6 October 1914
- 13 The Achilles heel which has bitten us in the backside all year has stood out like a sore thumb.
  - **Andy King** 1956– English footballer: in *Observer* 18 December 2005
- 14 The subjunctive mood is in its death throes, and the best thing to do is



to put it out of its misery as soon as possible.

- **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1941

15 My spelling is Wobbly. It's good spelling but it Wobbles, and the letters get in the wrong places.

- **A. A. Milne** 1882-1956 English writer: *Winnie-the-Pooh* (1926)

16 All those exclamation marks, you notice? Five? A sure sign of someone who wears his underpants on his head.

- **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Maskerade* (1995)

17 A dog cannot relate his autobiography; however eloquently he may bark, he cannot tell you that his parents were honest though poor.

- **Bertrand Russell** 1872-1970 British philosopher and mathematician: *Human Knowledge: Its Scope and Limits* (1948)

18 Save the gerund and screw the whale.

- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *The Real Thing* (1988 rev. ed.)

19 The four most beautiful words in our common language: I told you so.

- **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: in *Independent* 1 November 2000

20 title for a language-monitoring organization: Association for the Annihilation of the Aberrant Apostrophe.

- **Keith Waterhouse** 1929-2009 English writer: in *Daily Mail* 22 February 1988

21 'Feather-footed through the plashy fen passes the questing vole' ... 'Yes,' said the Managing Editor. 'That must be good style.'

- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Scoop* (1938)

22 Good intentions are invariably ungrammatical.

- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: attributed

# Languages

see also **LANGUAGE, WORDS**

You know the trouble with the French, they don't even have a word for entrepreneur. **George W. Bush**

1 The Norwegian language has been described as German spoken underwater.

- **Anonymous**: Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)

2 If you understand English, press 1. If you do not understand English, press 2.

recorded message on Australian tax helpline

- **Anonymous**: in *Mail on Sunday* 30 July 2000 'Quotes of the Week'

3 The letter is written in the tongue of the Think Tanks, a language more difficult to master than Basque or Navaho and spoken only where strategic thinkers

clump together in Institutes.

- **Russell Baker** 1925- American journalist and columnist: in *New York Times* 8 April 1981

4 Is there no Latin word for Tea? Upon my soul, if I had known that I would have let the vulgar stuff alone.

- **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'On Tea' (1908)

5 You know the trouble with the French, they don't even have a word for entrepreneur.

- **George W. Bush** 1946- American Republican statesman: attributed, probably apocryphal



- 6 Speak in French when you can't think of the English for a thing.
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- 7 If the King's English was good enough for Jesus Christ, it's good enough for Texas.  
*view of the first woman Governor of Texas, 1924*
  - **Miriam A. 'Ma' Ferguson** 1875-1961 American Democratic politician: Christopher Meyer *D.C. Confidential* (2005)
- 8 I hear it's the Hebrew in Heaven, sir. Spanish is seldom spoken.
  - **Ronald Firbank** 1886-1926 English novelist: *Concerning the Eccentricities of Cardinal Pirelli* (1926)
- 9 Weep not for little Léonie  
 Abducted by a French Marquis!  
 Though loss of honour was a wrench  
 Just think how it's improved her French.
  - **Harry Graham** 1874-1936 British writer and journalist: 'Compensation' (1930)
- 10 All pro athletes are bilingual. They speak English and profanity.
  - **Gordie Howe** 1928- Canadian ice-hockey player: in *Toronto Star* 27 May 1975
- 11 There even are places where English completely disappears.  
 In America, they haven't used it for years!
  - **Alan Jay Lerner** 1918-86 American songwriter: 'Why Can't the English?' (1956)
- 12 *when Khrushchev began banging his shoe on the desk:*  
 Perhaps we could have a translation,  
 I could not quite follow.
  - **Harold Macmillan** 1894-1986 British Conservative statesman: during his speech to the United Nations, 29 September 1960
- 13 Listen, someone's screaming in agony—fortunately I speak it fluently.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: *The Goon Show* 'The Scarlet Capsule' (BBC Radio, 1959)
- 14 I can speak Esperanto like a native.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: attributed; in *Daily Telegraph* 28 February 2002
- 15 Waiting for the German verb is surely the ultimate thrill.
  - **Flann O'Brien** 1911-66 Irish novelist and journalist: *The Hair of the Dogma* (1977)
- 16 *on being told the English have no word equivalent to sensibilité:*  
 Yes we have. Humbug.
  - **Lord Palmerston** 1784-1865 British statesman: attributed
- 17 Don't you guys know you're in Hollywood? Speak German.  
*when a number of people began speaking in Hungarian at a Hollywood party*
  - **Otto Preminger** 1906-86 Austrian-born American film director: Anthony Heilbut *Exiled in Paradise* (1983)
- 18 KENNETH: If you're so hot, you'd better tell me how to say she has ideas above her station.  
 BRIAN: Oh, yes, I forgot. It's fairly easy, old boy. *Elle a des idées au-dessus de sa gare.*
  - **Terence Rattigan** 1911-77 English dramatist: *French without Tears* (1937)
- 19 Remember that you are a human being with a soul and the divine gift of articulate speech: that your native language is the language of Shakespeare and Milton and The Bible; and don't sit there crooning like a bilious pigeon.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Pygmalion* (1916)
- 20 Egad I think the interpreter is the hardest to be understood of the two!
  - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Critic* (1779)
- 21 They spell it Vinci and pronounce it Vinchy; foreigners always spell better than they pronounce.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *The Innocents Abroad* (1869)
- 22 I once heard a Californian student in Heidelberg say, in one of his calmest moods, that he would rather decline two drinks than one German adjective.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *A Tramp Abroad* (1880)
- 23 An unalterable and unquestioned law of the musical world required that the German text of French operas sung by Swedish artists should be translated into



Italian for the clearer understanding of English-speaking audiences.

- **Edith Wharton** 1862–1937 American novelist: *The Age of Innocence* (1920)

24 There had crept a look of furtive shame, the shifty, hangdog look which announces that an Englishman is about to talk French.

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: *The Luck of the Bodkins* (1935)

25 'What asses these Frenchmen are. Why can't they talk English?'

'They are possibly more to be pitied than censured, m'lord. Early upbringing no doubt has a lot to do with it.'

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: *Ring for Jeeves* (1953)

## Last Words

see also **DEATH**

Die, my dear Doctor, that's the last thing I shall do! **Lord Palmerston**

1 He had been, he said, an unconscionable time dying; but he hoped that they would excuse it.

- **Charles II** 1630–85 British king: Lord Macaulay *History of England* (1849)

2 Do you know the famous last words of the Fatted Calf? 'I hear the young master has returned.'

- **Monja Danischewsky** 1911–94 Russian-born British screenwriter and producer: told to the editor

3 I will not go down to posterity talking bad grammar.

- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: while correcting proofs of his last Parliamentary speech, 31 March 1881; Robert Blake *Disraeli* (1966)

4 No it is better not. She would only ask me to take a message to Albert.  
*near death, declining a proposed visit from Queen Victoria*

- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: Robert Blake *Disraeli* (1966)

5 *when Queen Caroline, on her deathbed, urged him to marry again:*

No, I shall have mistresses.

- **George II** 1683–1760 British king: John Hervey *Memoirs of the Reign of George II* (1848)

6 *on his deathbed in 1936, when someone remarked 'Cheer up, your Majesty, you will*

*soon be at Bognor again':*

Bugger Bognor.

*alternatively, the comment may have been made in 1929, when it was proposed that the town be renamed Bognor Regis following the king's convalescence there*

- **George V** 1865–1936 British king: Kenneth Rose *King George V* (1983); attributed

7 Leave the shower curtain on the inside of the tub.

- **Conrad Hilton** 1887–1979 American hotelier: last words; attributed, perhaps apocryphal

8 Dying is easy. Comedy is hard.

- **Edmund Kean** c.1787–1833 English actor: last words, probably apocryphal; similar last words are attributed to the actor Edmund Gwenn (1875–1959), who is said to have responded to the remark 'I guess dying can be very hard' with 'Yes, but not as hard as playing comedy'

9 *Lady Eldon had suggested that she should read to him from his own New Testament:*

No...Awfully jolly of you to suggest it, though.

- **Ronald Knox** 1888–1957 English writer and Roman Catholic priest: Evelyn Waugh *Life of Ronald Knox*

10 I'm always angry when I'm dying.  
*John Mortimer's father's last words*

- **Clifford Mortimer** British lawyer: John Mortimer *A Voyage Round My Father* (1971)



- 11 Die, my dear Doctor, that's the last thing I shall do!
  - **Lord Palmerston** 1784-1865 British statesman: E. Latham *Famous Sayings and their Authors* (1904)
- 12 *last words, as the priest was leaving her room: One moment, Monsieur Le Curé, and we will depart together.*
  - **Madame de Pompadour** 1721-64 French favourite of Louis XV: attributed
- 13 Bring down the curtain, the farce is played out.
  - **François Rabelais** c.1494-c.1553 French humanist: last words, attributed, but probably apocryphal; Jean Fleury *Rabelais et ses oeuvres* (1877)
- 14 Put that bloody cigarette out!  
*before being shot by a sniper in World War One*
  - **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 15 They couldn't hit an elephant at this distance...  
*immediately prior to being killed by enemy fire at the battle of Spotsylvania in the American Civil War, May 1864*
  - **John Sedgwick** 1813-64 American Union general: Robert E. Denney *The Civil War Years* (1992)
- 16 If this is dying, then I don't think much of it.
  - **Lytton Strachey** 1880-1932 English biographer: Michael Holroyd *Lytton Strachey* (1967)
- 17 I find, then, I am but a bad anatomist. *cutting his throat in prison, he severed his windpipe instead of his jugular, and lingered for several days*
  - **Wolfe Tone** 1763-98 Irish nationalist: Oliver Knox *Rebels and Informers* (1998)
- 18 This is no time for making new enemies.  
*on being asked to renounce the Devil, on his deathbed*
  - **Voltaire** 1694-1778 French writer and philosopher: attributed

## The Law

see also **CRIME, JUDGES**

If this is justice, I am a banana. **Ian Hislop**

- 1 *dismissing a prisoner in the 19th century: You have been acquitted by a Limerick jury, and you may now leave the dock without any other stain upon your character.*
  - **Richard Adams** Irish judge: Maurice Healy *The Old Munster Circuit* (1939)
- 2 Laws are like sausages. It's better not to see them being made.
  - **Otto von Bismarck** 1815-98 German statesman: attributed, but not traced and probably apocryphal
- 3 Equity does not demand that its suitors shall have led blameless lives.
  - **Louis Brandeis** 1856-1941 American lawyer: in *Loughran v. Loughran* 1934
- 4 The one great principle of the English law is, to make business for itself.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Bleak House* (1853)
- 5 This contract is so one-sided that I am surprised to find it written on both sides of the paper.
  - **Lord Evershed** 1899-1966 British judge: Lord Denning *Closing Chapter* (1983)
- 6 A jury consists of twelve persons chosen to decide who has the better lawyer.
  - **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet: attributed; Evan Esar *The Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1949)
- 7 I was sued by a woman who claimed that she became pregnant because she watched me on the television and I bent



- her contraceptive coil.
- **Uri Geller** 1946- : in *Sunday Times* 17 December 2000
- 8 The Law is the true embodiment  
Of everything that's excellent.  
It has no kind of fault or flaw,  
And I, my Lords, embody the Law.
- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)
- 9 When constabulary duty's to be done,  
A policeman's lot is not a happy one.
- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *The Pirates of Penzance* (1879)
- 10 Let's find out what everyone is doing,  
And then stop everyone from doing it.
- **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: 'Let's Stop Somebody from Doing Something' (1930)
- 11 *an attempt is made to write a cheque on a cow:*  
'Was the cow crossed?'  
'No, your worship, it was an open cow.'
- **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: *Uncommon Law* (1935) 'The Negotiable Cow'
- 12 *on the award of £600,000 libel damages to Sonia Sutcliffe against Private Eye:*  
If this is justice, I am a banana.
- **Ian Hislop** 1960- English satirical journalist: in *Guardian* 25 May 1989
- 13 Legal writing is one of those rare  
creatures, like the rat and the cockroach,  
that would attract little sympathy even  
as an endangered species.
- **Richard Hyland** 1949- American lawyer: 'A Defense of Legal Writing' (1986)
- 14 No-one obeys the speed limit except a  
motorised rickshaw.
- **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 12 July 2001
- 15 *when Knox was Attorney General Theodore Roosevelt requested a legal justification for his acquisition of the Panama Canal:*  
Oh, Mr President, do not let so great  
an achievement suffer from any taint of  
legality.
- **Philander C. Knox** 1853-1921 American lawyer and Republican politician: *Tyler Dennett John Hay: From Poetry to Politics*
- 16 If you want to get ahead in this world  
get a lawyer—not a book.  
*on self-help books*
- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)
- 17 In England, justice is open to all—like  
the Ritz Hotel.
- **James Mathew** 1830-1908 Irish judge: *R. E. Megarry Miscellany-at-Law* (1955)
- 18 However harmless a thing is, if the law  
forbids it most people will think it wrong.
- **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1896
- 19 Injustice is relatively easy to bear; what  
stings is justice.
- **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Prejudices, Third Series* (1922)
- 20 Here [in Paris] they hang a man first,  
and try him afterwards.
- **Molière** 1622-73 French comic dramatist: *Monsieur de Pourceaugnac* (1670)
- 21 Going to court is just an expensive habit.
- **Keith Richards** 1943- English rock musician: *Barbara Charone Keith Richards* (1979)
- 22 The first thing we do, let's kill all the  
lawyers.
- **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Henry VI, Part 2* (1592)
- 23 MASTER OF THE ROLLS: Really, Mr Smith,  
do give this court credit for some little  
intelligence.  
SMITH: That is the mistake I made in the  
court below, my lord
- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: *Gyles Brandreth The Law is an Ass* (1984)
- 24 Some circumstantial evidence is very  
strong, as when you find a trout in the  
milk.
- **Henry David Thoreau** 1817-62 American writer: diary, 11 November 1850
- 25 By the argument of counsel it was shown  
that at half-past ten in the morning on  
the day of the murder...[the defendant]  
became insane, and remained so for  
eleven and a half hours exactly.
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: 'A New Crime' (1875)



- 26 Whenever a copyright law is to be made or altered, then the idiots assemble.
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Notebook* 23 May 1903
- 27 JUDGE: Are you trying to show contempt for this court?  
WEST: No, I'm doing my best to hide it.
- **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress: *My Little Chickadee* (1940 film, with W. C. Fields)
- 28 Naturally a detective doesn't want to

look like a detective, and give the whole thing away right at the start.

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *The Man with Two Left Feet* (1917)

29 on juries:

Asking the ignorant to use the incomprehensible to decide the unknowable.

- **Hiller B. Zobel** 1932- American judge: 'The Jury on Trial' in *American Heritage* July-August 1995; see **sports** 35

## Lawyers

If law school is so hard to get through, how come there are so many lawyers?  
**Calvin Trillin**

- 1 I have knowingly defended a number of guilty men. But the guilty never escape unscathed. My fees are sufficient punishment for anyone.
  - **F. Lee Bailey** 1933- American lawyer: in *Los Angeles Times* 9 January 1972
- 2 Johnson observed, that 'he did not care to speak ill of any man behind his back, but he believed the gentleman was an *attorney*.'
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 1770
- 3 Whatever fees we [Judge Logan and I] earn at a distance, if not paid *before*, we notice we never hear of after the work is done. We therefore, are growing a little sensitive on the point.
  - **Abraham Lincoln** 1809-65 American statesman: letter 2 November 1842
- 4 I don't know as I want a lawyer to tell me what I cannot do. I hire him to tell me how to do what I want to do.
  - **J. P. Morgan** 1837-1913 American financier and philanthropist: Ida M. Tarbell *The Life of Elbert H. Gary* (1925)
- 5 No brilliance is needed in the law. Nothing but common sense, and relatively clean finger nails.
  - **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: *A Voyage Round My Father* (1971)
- 6 Professional men, they have no cares; Whatever happens, they get theirs.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'I Yield to My Learned Brother' (1935)
- 7 I'm trusting in the Lord and a good lawyer.  
*on the Iran-Contra affair*
  - **Oliver North** 1943- American Marine Corps officer: in *Observer* 7 December 1986
- 8 Went down and spoke at some lawyers' meeting last night. They didn't think much of my little squib yesterday about driving the shysters out of their profession. They seemed to kinder doubt just who would have to leave.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879-1935 American actor and humorist: 'Mr. Rogers is Hob Nobbing With Leaders of the Bar'
- 9 If law school is so hard to get through, how come there are so many lawyers?
  - **Calvin Trillin** 1935- American journalist and writer: attributed
- 10 What chance has the ignorant, uncultivated liar against the educated expert? What chance have I...against a lawyer?
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: 'On the Decay of the Art of Lying' (1882)



# Leisure see HOLIDAYS AND LEISURE

## Letters

Dear 338171 (May I call you 338?). **Noël Coward**

- 1 I would have answered your letter sooner, but you didn't send one.
  - **Goodman Ace** 1899-1982 American humorist: letter to Groucho Marx, 1950
- 2 *formula with which to return unsolicited manuscripts:*  
Mr James Agate regrets that he has no time to bother about the enclosed in which he has been greatly interested.
  - **James Agate** 1877-1947 British drama critic and novelist: diary, 3 January 1936
- 3 One of the pleasures of reading old letters is the knowledge that they need no answer.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: attributed, but probably apocryphal
- 4 *using Lawrence's military number:*  
Dear 338171 (May I call you 338?).
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: letter to T. E. Lawrence, 25 August 1930
- 5 *in reply to a letter from executives of CBS headed 'From the desk of':*  
Dear Desk,...
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: c. 1955-6; Sheridan Morley *A Talent to Amuse* (1985)
- 6 Sir, My pa requests me to write to you, the doctors considering it doubtful whether he will ever recuvver the use of his legs which prevents his holding a pen.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Nicholas Nickleby* (1839)
- 7 It is wonderful how much news there is when people write every other day; if they wait for a month, there is nothing that seems worth telling.
  - **O. Douglas** 1877-1948 Scottish writer: *Penny Plain* (1920)
- 8 [Charles Lamb's] sayings are generally like women's letters; all the pith is in the postscript.
  - **William Hazlitt** 1778-1830 English essayist: *Conversations of James Northcote* (1826-7)
- 9 A man seldom puts his authentic self into a letter. He writes it to amuse a friend or to get rid of a social or business obligation, which is to say, a nuisance.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)
- 10 I have made this [letter] longer than usual, only because I have not had the time to make it shorter.
  - **Blaise Pascal** 1623-62 French mathematician, physicist, and moralist: *Lettres Provinciales* (1657)
- 11 *circular sent out to forestall unwanted visitors:*  
Mr J. Ruskin is about to begin a work of great importance and therefore begs that in reference to calls and correspondence you will consider him dead for the next two months.
  - **John Ruskin** 1819-1900 English art and social critic: attributed
- 12 *Wilde had sent a letter on 'Fashion in Dress' to the Daily Telegraph, but explained in a covering letter to the proprietor:*  
I don't wish to sign my name, though I am afraid everybody will know who the writer is: one's style is one's signature always.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: letter, 2 February 1891
- 13 I have known men come to London full of bright prospects and seen them complete wrecks in a few months through a habit of answering letters.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: W. B. Yeats *Four Years* (1921)



- 14 I have no need of your God-damned sympathy. I only wish to be entertained by some of your grosser reminiscences.
- **Alexander Woollcott** 1887-1943 American writer: letter to Rex O'Malley, 1942

# Libraries

see also **BOOKS**

Mr Cobb took me into his library and showed me his books, of which he had a complete set. **Ring Lardner**

- 1 RUTH: They'll sack you.  
NORMAN: They daren't. I reorganized the Main Index. When I die, the secret dies with me.  
▪ **Alan Ayckbourn** 1939- English dramatist: *Round and Round the Garden* (1975)
- 2 If you file your waste-paper basket for 50 years, you have a public library.  
▪ **Tony Benn** 1925-2014 British Labour politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 5 March 1994
- 3 There is nowhere in the world where sleep is so deep as in the libraries of the House of Commons.  
▪ **Chips Channon** 1897-1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary, 16 December 1937
- 4 Th' first thing to have in a libry is a shelf. Fr'm time to time this can be decorated with lithrachure. But th' shelf is th' main thing.  
▪ **Finley Peter Dunne** 1867-1936 American humorous writer: *Mr Dooley Says* (1910)
- 5 I've been drunk for about a week now, and I thought it might sober me up to sit in a library.  
▪ **F. Scott Fitzgerald** 1896-1940 American novelist: *The Great Gatsby* (1925)
- 6 Mr Cobb took me into his library and showed me his books, of which he had a complete set.  
▪ **Ring Lardner** 1885-1933 American writer: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)
- 7 The Librarian was, of course, very much in favour of reading in general, but readers in particular got on his nerves...He liked people who loved and respected books, and the best way to do that, in the Librarian's opinion, was to leave them on the shelves where Nature intended them to be.  
▪ **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Men at Arms* (1993)



# Lies

see also **TRUTH**

A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation. **Saki**

- 1 It reminds me of the small boy who jumbled his biblical quotations and said: 'A lie is an abomination unto the Lord, and a very present help in trouble.'
  - **Anonymous:** recalled by Adlai Stevenson; Billl Adler *The Stevenson Wit* (1966)
- 2 She [Lady Desborough] tells enough white lies to ice a wedding cake.
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864-1945 British political hostess: Lady Violet Bonham Carter 'Margot Oxford' in *Listener* 11 June 1953
- 3 Matilda told such Dreadful Lies,  
It made one Gasp and Stretch one's Eyes;  
Her Aunt, who, from her Earliest Youth,  
Had kept a Strict Regard for Truth,  
Attempted to Believe Matilda:  
The effort very nearly killed her.
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Matilda' (1907)
- 4 *of propaganda:*  
That branch of the art of lying which consists in very nearly deceiving your friends without quite deceiving your enemies.
  - **Francis M. Cornford** 1874-1943 English academic: *Microcosmographia Academica* (1922 ed.)
- 5 What you take for lying in an Irishman is only his attempt to put an herbaceous border on stark reality.
  - **Oliver St John Gogarty** 1878-1957 Irish writer and surgeon: *Going Native* (1940)
- 6 Telling lies is a bit like tiling bathrooms—if you don't know how to do it properly, it's best not to try.
  - **Tom Holt** 1961- English novelist: *Falling Sideways* (2002)
- 7 By the time you say you're his,  
Shivering and sighing  
And he vows his passion is  
Infinite, undying—  
Lady, make a note of this:  
One of you is lying.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: 'Unfortunate Coincidence' (1937)
- 8 *on being told that Lord Astor claimed that her allegations, concerning himself and his house parties at Cliveden, were untrue:*  
He would, wouldn't he?
  - **Mandy Rice-Davies** 1944-2014 English model and showgirl: in *Guardian* 1 July 1963
- 9 A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation.
  - **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *The Square Egg* (1924)
- 10 In exceptional circumstances it is necessary to say something that is untrue in the House of Commons.
  - **William Waldegrave** 1946- British Conservative politician: in *Guardian* 9 March 1994
- 11 Untruthful! My nephew Algernon?  
Impossible! He is an Oxonian.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)



# Life and its Challenges

see also **LIFESTYLE**

Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep. **Fran Lebowitz**

- 1 Life! Don't talk to me about life.
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952–2001 English science fiction writer: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (BBC radio, 1978), *Marvin the Paranoid Android*
- 2 If you can't be a good example, then you'll just have to be a horrible warning.
  - **Catherine Aird** 1930– English writer: in *St Louis Post-Dispatch* 1 November 1989
- 3 I feel that life is—is divided up into the horrible and the miserable.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Annie Hall* (1977 film, with Marshall Brickman)
- 4 Life doesn't imitate art. It imitates bad television.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Husbands and Wives* (1992 film)
- 5 Life is a sexually transmitted disease.
  - **Anonymous**: graffito found on the London Underground
- 6 Nothing matters very much and very few things matter at all.
  - **Arthur James Balfour** 1848–1930 British Conservative statesman: *Clodagh Anson Book: discreet memoirs* (1931)
- 7 Life, you know, is rather like opening a tin of sardines. We are all of us looking for the key.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Beyond the Fringe* (1961 revue) 'Take a Pew'
- 8 Brought up in the provinces in the forties and fifties one learned early the valuable lesson that life is generally something that happens elsewhere.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: introduction to *Talking Heads* (1988)
- 9 There are things you just can't do in life. You can't beat the phone company, you can't make a waiter see you until he's ready to see you, and you can't go home again.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951– American travel writer: *The Last Continent* (1989)
- 10 There's always somebody about to ruin your day, if not your life.
  - **Charles Bukowski** 1920–94 German-born American writer: *Pulp* (1994)
- 11 It's a funny old world—a man's lucky if he gets out of it alive.
  - **Walter de Leon** and **Paul M. Jones** screenwriters: *You're Telling Me* (1934 film); spoken by W. C. Fields
- 12 *Auntie Mame's* view:  
Life is a banquet, and some poor suckers are starving to death.
  - **Patrick Dennis** 1921–76 American writer: *Auntie Mame* (1956)
- 13 I find I always have to write something on a steamed mirror.
  - **Elaine Dundy** 1921–2008 American writer: attributed; Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)
- 14 Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
  - **Albert Einstein** 1879–1955 German-born theoretical physicist: letter to his son Eduard, 5 February 1930
- 15 All men are equal—all men, that is to say, who possess umbrellas.
  - **E. M. Forster** 1879–1970 English novelist: *Howard's End* (1910)
- 16 Just when you've squared up to the solemn realization that life is a bitch, it turns round and does something nice, just to confuse you.
  - **Tom Holt** 1961– English novelist: *The Better Mousetrap* (2008)



- 17 Life is just one damned thing after another.
  - **Elbert Hubbard** 1859–1915 American writer: in *Philistine* December 1909 (often attributed to Frank Ward O'Malley)
- 18 Most of one's life...is one prolonged effort to prevent oneself thinking.
  - **Aldous Huxley** 1894–1963 English novelist: *Mortal Coils* 1922
- 19 Do you know how helpless you feel if you have a full cup of coffee in your hand and you start to sneeze?
  - **Jean Kerr** 1923–2003 American writer: *Mary, Mary* (performed 1961)
- 20 Life doesn't wait to be asked: it comes grinning in, sits down uninvited and helps itself to bread and cheese, and comments uninhibitedly on the decorations.
  - **Philip Larkin** 1922–85 English poet: letter, 25 May 1958
- 21 Life is something to do when you can't get to sleep.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)
- 22 For the happiest life, days should be rigorously planned, nights left open to chance.
  - **Mignon McLaughlin** 1913–83 American writer: *Complete Neurotic's Notebook* (1981)
- 23 The living are the dead on holiday.
  - **Maurice Maeterlinck** 1862–1949 Belgian poet, dramatist, and essayist: *Before the Great Silence* (1935)
- 24 There's one thing to be said for inviting trouble: it generally accepts.
  - **Mae Maloo**: attributed, in *Reader's Digest* September 1976
- 25 Laugh it off, laugh it off; it's all part of life's rich pageant.
  - **Arthur Marshall** 1910–89 British journalist and former schoolmaster: *The Games Mistress* (recorded monologue, 1937)
- 26 Whenever I investigate a smell, I find that the answer is always bad. It's never: 'What is that? [sniff] muffins'!
  - **Demetri Martin** 1973– American comedian: attributed
- 27 It's not true that life is one damn thing after another—it's one damn thing over and over.
  - **Edna St Vincent Millay** 1892–1950 American poet: letter to Arthur Davison Ficke, 24 October 1930
- 28 There are three ingredients in the good life: learning, earning, and yearning.
  - **Christopher Morley** 1890–1957 American writer: *Parnassus on Wheels* (1917)
- 29 Today's tears are tomorrow's yawn.
  - **Matthew Parris** 1949– British journalist: in *Times* 7 February 2013
- 30 There are few things in this world more reassuring than an unhappy lottery winner.
  - **Tony Parsons** 1953– English writer: in *Mirror* 2 November 1998
- 31 You're born naked and the rest is drag.
  - **RuPaul** 1960– American drag queen: attributed, 1990s
- 32 I love living. I have some problems with my life, but living is the best thing they've come up with so far.
  - **Neil Simon** 1927– American dramatist: *Last of the Red Hot Lovers* (1970)
- 33 Life itself is a universally fatal sexually transmitted disease.
  - **Petr Skrabanek** 1940–94 and **James McCormick**: *Follies and Fallacies in Medicine* (1990)
- 34 Life is a gamble at terrible odds—if it was a bet, you wouldn't take it.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (1967)
- 35 Oh, isn't life a terrible thing, thank God?
  - **Dylan Thomas** 1914–53 Welsh poet: *Under Milk Wood* (1954)
- 36 We're all in this together—by ourselves.
  - **Lily Tomlin** 1939– American comedienne and actress: attributed
- 37 What a queer thing Life is! So unlike anything else, don't you know, if you see what I mean.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *My Man Jeeves* (1919)



# Lifestyle

Never try to keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level.

**Quentin Crisp**

- 1 Have fun. And go home when you're tired.
  - **George Abbott** 1887-1995 American director, producer, and dramatist: in obituary, *New York Times* 2 February 1995
- 2 What is the secret of my long life? I really don't know—cigarettes, whisky and wild, wild women!  
*the oldest British survivor of the First World War*
  - **Henry Allingham** 1896-2009 English airman: in *Daily Telegraph* 10 November 2005 (online edition)
- 3 Do unto others before they do unto you.
  - **Anonymous**: traditional saying; see advice 9
- 4 The only thing I regret about my life is the length of it. If I had to live my life again I'd make all the same mistakes—only sooner.
  - **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 5 I had always thought that once you grew up you could do anything you wanted—stay up all night or eat ice-cream straight out of the container.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *The Lost Continent* (1989)
- 6 Never try to keep up with the Joneses. Drag them down to your level.
  - **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: in *Times* 22 November 1999
- 7 If A is a success in life, then A equals x plus y plus z. Work is x; y is play; and z is keeping your mouth shut.
  - **Albert Einstein** 1879-1955 German-born theoretical physicist: in *Observer* 15 January 1950
- 8 Most people die without ever having lived. Luckily for them, they don't realize it.
  - **Henrik Ibsen** 1828-1906 Norwegian dramatist: attributed, Michael Meyer *Henrik Ibsen* vol. 3 (1971)
- 9 Puberty is a phase...Fifteen years of rejection is a lifestyle.
  - **Susan Kolinsky**: *Sex and the City* 'The Turtle and the Hare' (1998), spoken by Stanford (Willie Garson)
- 10 You only live once, and the way I live, once is enough.
  - **Frank Sinatra** 1915-98 American singer and actor: attributed, in *Times* 16 May 1998
- 11 As life goes on, don't you find that all you need is about two real friends, a regular supply of books, and a Peke?
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: letter 28 October 1930



# Literature

see also **BOOKS, POETRY, WRITING**

When I want to read a novel, I write one.

**Benjamin Disraeli**

- 1 We men have got love well weighed up;  
our stuff  
Can get by without it.  
Women don't seem to think that's good  
enough;  
They write about it.
  - **Kingsley Amis** 1922-95 English novelist and poet: 'A Bookshop Idyll' (1956)
- 2 Literature's always a good card to play  
for Honours. It makes people think that  
Cabinet ministers are educated.
  - **Arnold Bennett** 1867-1931 English novelist: *The Title* (1918)
- 3 Dr Weiss, at forty, knew that her life had  
been ruined by literature.
  - **Anita Brookner** 1928- British novelist and art historian: *A Start in Life* (1981)
- 4 A well-written Life is almost as rare as a  
well-spent one.
  - **Thomas Carlyle** 1795-1881 Scottish historian and political philosopher: *Critical and Miscellaneous Essays* (1838)
- 5 'What is the use of a book',  
thought Alice, 'without pictures or  
conversations?'
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and logician: *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* (1865)
- 6 If my books had been any worse,  
I should not have been invited to  
Hollywood, and if they had been any  
better, I should not have come.
  - **Raymond Chandler** 1888-1959 American writer: letter to Charles W. Morton, 12 December 1945
- 7 When I want to read a novel, I write  
one.
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: W. Monypenny and G. Buckle *Life of Benjamin Disraeli* (1920)
- 8 listening to readings from Tolkien's *Lord*  
of the Rings:  
Oh fuck, not another elf!
  - **Hugo Dyson** 1896-1975 English academic: A. N. Wilson C. S. Lewis (1990)
- 9 How rare, how precious is frivolity!  
How few writers can prostitute all their  
powers! They are always implying, 'I am  
capable of higher things.'
  - **E. M. Forster** 1879-1970 English novelist: *Abinger Harvest* (1936)
- 10 What greater service could I have  
performed for German literature than  
that I didn't bother with it?
  - **Frederick the Great** 1712-86 Prussian king: K. Biedermann *Friedrich der Grosse* (1859)
- 11 He knew everything about literature  
except how to enjoy it.
  - **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)
- 12 It's with bad sentiments that one makes  
good novels.
  - **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist: letter, 10 July 1962
- 13 It takes a great deal of history to  
produce a little literature.
  - **Henry James** 1843-1916 American novelist: *Hawthorne* (1879)
- 14 The notice which you have been  
pleased to take of my labours, had it  
been early, had been kind; but it has  
been delayed till I am indifferent, and  
cannot enjoy it; till I am solitary, and  
cannot impart it; till I am known,  
and do not want it.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: letter to Lord Chesterfield, 7 February 1755; James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791)
- 15 A beginning, a muddle, and an end.  
on the 'classic formula' for a novel
  - **Philip Larkin** 1922-85 English poet: in *New Fiction* January 1978



- 16 Literature is mostly about having sex and not much about having children. Life is the other way round.  
 ▪ **David Lodge** 1935– English novelist: *The British Museum is Falling Down* (1965)
- 17 From the moment I picked up your book until I laid it down, I was convulsed with laughter. Some day I intend reading it.  
 ▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890–1977 American film comedian: a blurb written for S. J. Perelman's 1928 book *Dawn Ginsberg's Revenge*
- 18 In literature as in love, we are astonished at what is chosen by others.  
 ▪ **André Maurois** 1885–1967 French writer: *The Art of Living* (1940)
- 19 explaining to Queen Victoria why he did not wish to read *Oliver Twist*:  
 It's all among workhouses and Coffin Makers and Pickpockets...I wish to avoid them.  
 ▪ **Lord Melbourne** 1779–1848 British Whig statesman: A. N. Wilson *The Victorians* (2002)
- 20 I have only ever read one book in my life, and that is *White Fang*. It's so frightfully good I've never bothered to read another.  
*Uncle Matthew's view of literature*  
 ▪ **Nancy Mitford** 1904–73 English writer: *Love in a Cold Climate* (1949)
- 21 And I'll stay off Verlaine too; he was always chasing Rimbauds.  
 ▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: 'The Little Hours' (1939)
- 22 If, with the literate, I am  
 Impelled to try an epigram,  
 I never seek to take the credit;  
 We all assume that Oscar said it.  
 ▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: 'A Pig's-Eye View of Literature' (1937)
- 23 Nearly all our best men are dead!  
 Carlyle, Tennyson, Browning, George Eliot!—I'm not feeling very well myself.  
 ▪ **Punch** 1841–1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 104 (1893)
- 24 I have known her pass the whole evening without mentioning a single book, or in fact anything unpleasant, at all.  
 ▪ **Henry Reed** 1914–86 English poet and dramatist: *A Very Great Man Indeed* (1953)
- 25 Is *Moby Dick* the whale or the man?  
 ▪ **Harold Ross** 1892–1951 American journalist and editor: James Thurber *The Years with Ross* (1959)
- 26 In view of her penchant  
 For something romantic,  
 De Sade is too trenchant  
 And Dickens too frantic,  
 And Stendhal would ruin  
 The plan of attack  
 As there isn't much blue in  
 The Red and the Black.  
 ▪ **Stephen Sondheim** 1930– American songwriter: 'Now' (1972)
- 27 You're familiar with the tragedies of antiquity, are you? The great homicidal classics?  
 ▪ **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (1967)
- 28 Like playing Beethoven on the kazoo.  
*on his translation of Shakespeare into text messages*  
 ▪ **John Sutherland** 1938– English writer: in *Mail on Sunday* 20 November 2005



# Love

see also **DATING, MARRIAGE, ROMANCE, SEX**

Love is the delusion that one woman differs from another. **H. L. Mencken**

- 1 **MARK:** Oh right, so, now she's finished with you, suddenly you're in love with her again?  
**JEZ:** Exactly. Duh! That's how love works Mark.
  - **Jesse Armstrong and Sam Bain** 1971– British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2007), spoken by David Mitchell and Robert Webb
- 2 Even logical positivists are capable of love.
  - **A. J. Ayer** 1910–89 English philosopher: Kenneth Tynan *Profiles* (1989)
- 3 The test for true love is whether you can endure the thought of cutting your sweetheart's toe-nails.
  - **W. N. P. Barbellion** 1889–1919 English diarist: *Journal of a Disappointed Man* (1919)
- 4 Make love to every woman you meet. If you get five percent on your outlays it's a good investment.
  - **Arnold Bennett** 1867–1931 English novelist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 5 It is a curious thought, but it is only when you see people looking ridiculous, that you realize just how much you love them.
  - **Agatha Christie** 1890–1976 English writer: *Agatha Christie: An Autobiography* (1977)
- 6 Love and a cottage! Eh, Fanny! Ah, give me indifference and a coach and six!
  - **George Colman, the Elder** 1732–94 and **David Garrick** 1717–79: *The Clandestine Marriage* (1766)
- 7 Would I were free from this restraint,  
Or else had hopes to win her;  
Would she could make of me a saint,  
Or I of her a sinner.
  - **William Congreve** 1670–1729 English dramatist: 'Pious Selinda Goes to Prayers' (song)
- 8 They made love as though they were an endangered species.
  - **Peter De Vries** 1910–93 American novelist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 9 Barkis is willin'.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *David Copperfield* (1850)
- 10 Oh, Mrs Corney, what a prospect this opens! What a opportunity for a jining of hearts and house-keepings!
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Oliver Twist* (1838)
- 11 Love is a piano dropped out a four story window  
And you were in the wrong place at the wrong time.
  - **Ani DiFranco** 1970– American singer and songwriter: 'Two Little Girls'
- 12 The magic of first love is our ignorance that it can ever end.
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Henrietta Temple* (1837)
- 13 What is commonly called love, namely the desire of satisfying a voracious appetite with a certain quantity of delicate white human flesh.
  - **Henry Fielding** 1707–54 English novelist and dramatist: *Tom Jones* (1749)
- 14 How happy could I be with either,  
Were t'other dear charmer away!
  - **John Gay** 1685–1732 English poet and dramatist: *The Beggar's Opera* (1728)
- 15 Holding hands at midnight  
'Neath a starry sky...  
Nice work if you can get it,  
And you can get it if you try.
  - **Ira Gershwin** 1896–1983 American songwriter: 'Nice Work If You Can Get It' (1937 song)



- 16 So I fell in love with a rich attorney's  
Elderly ugly daughter.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *Trial by Jury* (1875)
- 17 Love is a perky elf dancing a merry  
little jig and then suddenly he turns on  
you with a miniature machine gun.  
▪ **Matt Groening** 1954- American humorist  
and satirist: attributed
- 18 In the spring a young man's fancy  
lightly turns to  
thoughts of love;  
And in summer,  
and in autumn,  
and in winter—  
See above.  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American  
songwriter: 'Tennyson Anyone?' (1965)
- 19 When I'm not near the girl I love,  
I love the girl I'm near.  
...When I can't fondle the hand I'm  
fond of  
I fondle the hand at hand.  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American  
songwriter: 'When I'm Not Near the Girl  
I Love' (1947 song)
- 20 The broken dates,  
The endless waits,  
The lovely loving and the hateful hates,  
The conversation and the flying  
plates—  
I wish I were in love again.  
▪ **Lorenz Hart** 1895-1943 American  
songwriter: 'I Wish I Were in Love Again'  
(1937 song)
- 21 Love's like the measles—all the worse  
when it comes late in life.  
▪ **Douglas Jerrold** 1803-57 English dramatist  
and journalist: *The Wit and Opinions of  
Douglas Jerrold* (1859) 'Love'
- 22 You ain't nothin' but a hound dog,  
Quit snoopin' round my door  
You can wag your tail but I ain't gonna  
feed you no more.  
▪ **Jerry Leiber** 1933-2011 and **Mike Stoller**  
1933- : 'Hound Dog' (1956 song)
- 23 Tell me, George, if you had to do it  
all over would you fall in love with  
yourself again.  
*to George Gershwin*  
▪ **Oscar Levant** 1906-72 American pianist:  
David Ewen *The Story of George Gershwin*  
(1943)
- 24 Love's a disease. But curable.  
▪ **Rose Macaulay** 1881-1958 English novelist:  
*Crewe Train* (1926)
- 25 Love is the delusion that one woman  
differs from another.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist  
and literary critic: *Chrestomathy* (1949)
- 26 Oh, life is a glorious cycle of song,  
A medley of extemporanea;  
And love is a thing that can never go  
wrong;  
And I am Marie of Roumania.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic  
and humorist: 'Comment' (1937)
- 27 Four be the things I'd been better  
without:  
Love, curiosity, freckles, and doubt.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic  
and humorist: 'Inventory' (1937)
- 28 Love is the fart  
Of every heart:  
It pains a man when 'tis kept close,  
And others doth offend, when 'tis let  
loose.  
▪ **John Suckling** 1609-42 English poet and  
dramatist: 'Love's Offence' (1646)
- 29 If love is the answer, could you rephrase  
the question?  
▪ **Lily Tomlin** 1939- American comedienne  
and actress: attributed; David Housham  
and John Frank-Keyes *Funny Business* (1992)
- 30 Love conquers all things—except  
poverty and toothache.  
▪ **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress:  
attributed
- 31 To love oneself is the beginning of a  
lifelong romance.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and  
poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)



# Management

see also **BUREAUCRACY**

Only the paranoid survive. **Andrew Grove**

- 1 Assistant heads must roll!  
*traditional solution to management problems in broadcasting*  
▪ **Anonymous**: in *Guardian* 30 June 2004
- 2 I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganizing; and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress while producing confusion, inefficiency, and demoralization.  
▪ **Anonymous**: modern saying, frequently (and wrongly) attributed to Petronius Arbiter
- 3 Meetings are a great trap...However, they are indispensable when you don't want to do anything.  
▪ **J. K. Galbraith** 1908-2006 Canadian-born American economist: diary, 22 April 1961
- 4 When people say, 'Oh, would you rather be thought of as a funny man or a great boss?' My answer's always the same: to me they're not mutually exclusive.  
*David Brent as manager*  
▪ **Ricky Gervais** 1961- and **Stephen Merchant**: *The Office* (Series 1, Episode 2; 2001)
- 5 Only the paranoid survive.  
*dictum on which he has long run his company, the Intel Corporation*  
▪ **Andrew Grove** 1936- Hungarian-born American businessman: in *New York Times* 18 December 1994
- 6 The man who is denied the opportunity of taking decisions of importance begins to regard as important the decisions he is allowed to take.  
▪ **C. Northcote Parkinson** 1909-93 English writer: *Parkinson's Law* (1958)
- 7 It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it.  
▪ **Upton Sinclair** 1878-1968 American novelist and social reformer: *I, Candidate for Governor* (1935)
- 8 Lunch is for wimps.  
▪ **Stanley Weiser** and **Oliver Stone** 1946- screenwriters: *Wall Street* (1987 film), spoken by Michael Douglas
- 9 Any committee that is the slightest use is composed of people who are too busy to sit on it for a second longer than they have to.  
▪ **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *Observations* (1970)
- 10 Don't say yes until I finish talking!  
*characteristic instruction*  
▪ **Darryl F. Zanuck** 1902-79 American film producer: Mel Gussow *Don't Say Yes Until I Finish Talking* (1971)



# Manners

Manners are especially the need of the plain. **Evelyn Waugh**

- 1 Etiquette is the noise you don't make when you are eating soup.
  - **Anonymous:** traditional saying
- 2 My grandmother took a bath every year, whether she was dirty or not.
  - **Brendan Behan** 1923-64 Irish dramatist: *Brendan Behan's Island* (1962)
- 3 It looked bad when the Duke of Fife Left off using a knife; But people began to talk When he left off using a fork.
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956 English writer: 'The Duke of Fife' (1905)
- 4 A man telephoned a friend at two o'clock in the morning. 'I do hope I haven't disturbed you,' he said cheerily. 'Oh no,' the friend replied, 'that's quite all right. I had to get up to answer the telephone anyway.'
  - **Carl Brandt:** attributed, in *Reader's Digest* 1942
- 5 INTERVIEWER: You've been accused of vulgarity.  
MEL BROOKS: Bullshit!
  - **Mel Brooks** 1926- American film director and comic actor: interview in *Playboy*, Maurice Yacowar *The Comic Art of Mel Brooks* (1981)
- 6 You know what charm is: a way of getting the answer yes without having asked any clear question.
  - **Albert Camus** 1913-60 French novelist, dramatist, and essayist: *La Chute* (1956)
- 7 Curtsey while you're thinking what to say. It saves time.
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- 8 Don't let us be familiar or fond, nor kiss before folks, like my Lady Fadler and Sir Francis...Let us be very strange and well-bred: Let us be as strange as if we had been married a great while, and as well-bred as if we were not married at all.
  - **William Congreve** 1670-1729 English dramatist: *The Way of the World* (1700)
- 9 Vulgarity is the garlic in the salad of charm.
  - **Cyril Connolly** 1903-74 English writer: *Enemies of Promise* (1960)
- 10 The English never speak to anyone unless they have been properly introduced (except in case of shipwreck).
  - **Pierre Daninos** 1913-2005 French writer: *Major Thompson and I* (1957)
- 11 Suspect all extraordinary and groundless civilities.
  - **Thomas Fuller** 1654-1734 English writer and physician: *Gnomologia* (1734)
- 12 NOTE FROM FELLOW DINNER GUEST: Talk to the woman on your left.  
HEATH (PASSING THE NOTE BACK): I have.
  - **Edward Heath** 1916-2005 British Conservative statesman: attributed
- 13 To Americans, English manners are far more frightening than none at all.
  - **Randall Jarrell** 1914-65 American poet: *Pictures from an Institution* (1954)
- 14 'What are you doing for dinner tonight?'  
'Digesting it.'  
to a dinner invitation arriving at 8.30 pm
  - **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 15 I've always had good manners. I always take the cigarette out of my mouth before kissing someone.
  - **Ian Kilminster** 1945- English pop singer: in *Times* 27 October 2012
- 16 Eccentricity, to be socially acceptable, had still to have at least four or five



- generations of inbreeding behind it.
- **Osbert Lancaster** 1908-86 English writer and cartoonist: *All Done From Memory* (1953)
- 17 *as the pantomime dame Mother Goose:*  
The bus was so crowded—even the men were standing.
- **Dan Leno** 1860-1904 English entertainer: attributed, 1904
- 18 I have noticed that the people who are late are often so much jollier than the people who have to wait for them.
- **E. V. Lucas** 1868-1938 English journalist, essayist, and critic: *365 Days and One More* (1926)
- 19 *aged four, having had hot coffee spilt over his legs:*  
Thank you, madam, the agony is abated.
- **Lord Macaulay** 1800-59 English politician and historian: *G. O. Trevelyan Life and Letters of Lord Macaulay* (1876)
- 20 Good manners are a combination of intelligence, education, taste, and style mixed together so that you don't need any of those things.
- **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)
- 21 Do you suppose I could buy back my introduction to you?
- **S. J. Perelman** 1904-79 and others screenwriters: *Monkey Business* (1931 film), spoken by Groucho Marx
- 22 I am a woman of the world, Hector; and I can assure you that if you will only take the trouble always to do the perfectly correct thing, and to say the perfectly correct thing, you can do just what you like.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Heartbreak House* (1919)
- 23 Everyone knows that the real business of a ball is either to look out for a wife, to look after a wife, or to look after somebody else's wife.
- **R. S. Surtees** 1805-64 English sporting journalist and novelist: *Mr Facey Romford's Hounds* (1865)
- 24 *Somerset Maugham excused his leaving early when dining with Lady Tree by saying, 'I must look after my youth':*  
Next time do bring him. We adore those sort of people.
- **Lady Tree** 1863-1937 English actress: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdotal* (1993); a similar story is told of Maugham and Lady Cunard
- 25 This is a free country, madam. We have a right to share your privacy in a public place.
- **Peter Ustinov** 1921-2004 British actor, director, and writer: *Romanoff and Juliet* (1956)
- 26 Orthodoxy is my doxy; heterodoxy is another man's doxy.
- **William Warburton** 1698-1779 English theologian and bishop: to Lord Sandwich; *Joseph Priestley Memoirs* (1807)
- 27 Manners are especially the need of the plain. The pretty can get away with anything.
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: in *Observer* 15 April 1962
- 28 I am very sorry to hear that Duff [Cooper] was surprised and grieved to hear that I had detested him for 23 years. I must have nicer manners than people normally credit me with.
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: letter to Lady Diana Cooper, 29 August 1953
- 29 Duty is what one expects from others, it is not what one does oneself.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)



# Marriage

see also **DIVORCE, HUSBANDS, LOVE, SEX, WEDDINGS**

Advice to persons about to marry.—'Don't.' **Punch**

- 1 I think people should mate for life. Like pigeons, or Catholics.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– : *Manhattan* (1979 film, with Marshall Brickman), spoken by Woody Allen
- 2 After a while, marriage is a sibling relationship—marked by occasional, and rather regrettable, episodes of incest.
  - **Martin Amis** 1949– English novelist: *Yellow Dog* (2003)
- 3 [Marriage is] the only war where one sleeps with the enemy.
  - **Anonymous**: Mexican saying; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 4 All marriages are happy. It's the living together afterwards that causes all the trouble.
  - **Anonymous**: traditional saying
- 5 The marriage suffered a setback in 1965 when the husband was killed by the wife.
  - **Anonymous**: in *The New Law Journal* 1968 vol. 117
- 6 They start with all that sucking and blowing and in the end you lose your house.
 

*comparing marriage to the Florida hurricanes*

  - **Anonymous**: in *New Statesman* 20 November 2000
- 7 A man cannot marry before he has studied anatomy and has dissected at the least one woman.
  - **Honoré de Balzac** 1799–1850 French novelist: *Physiology of Marriage* (1904)
- 8 I'm not going to make the same mistake once.
 

*on marriage*

  - **Warren Beatty** 1937– American actor, film director, and screenwriter: attributed; Bob Chiegar *Was It Good For You Too?* (1983)
- 9 Love matches are formed by people who pay for a month of honey with a life of vinegar.
  - **Countess of Blessington** 1789–1849 Irish novelist: *Desultory Thoughts and Reflections* (1839)
- 10 It was very good of God to let Carlyle and Mrs Carlyle marry one another and so make only two people miserable instead of four.
  - **Samuel Butler** 1835–1902 English novelist: letter, 21 November 1884
- 11 I have great hopes that we shall love each other all our lives as much as if we had never married at all.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: letter to Annabella Milbanke, 5 December 1814
- 12 Love and marriage, love and marriage, Go together like a horse and carriage.
  - **Sammy Cahn** 1913–93 American songwriter: 'Love and Marriage' (1955 song)
- 13 The deep, deep peace of the double-bed after the hurly-burly of the chaise-longue.
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: Alexander Woollcott *While Rome Burns* (1934) 'The First Mrs Tanqueray'
- 14 I am not at all the sort of person you and I took me for.
  - **Jane Carlyle** 1801–66 wife of Thomas Carlyle: letter to Thomas Carlyle, 7 May 1822
- 15 If you are afraid of loneliness, don't get married.
  - **Anton Chekhov** 1860–1904 Russian dramatist and short-story writer: attributed
- 16 *of her future son-in-law John Betjeman*: We invite people like that to our houses, but we don't marry them.
  - **Lady Chetwode** d. 1946: Maurice Bowra *Memories* 1898–1939 (1966)
- 17 He has a future and I have a past so we should be all right.
 

*on her marriage to Montagu Porch in 1918*



- (he was forty-one, three years younger than her son Winston)
- **Lady Jennie Churchill** 1851–1921 American-born society hostess: *Anita Leslie Jennie: the life of Lady Randolph Churchill* (1969)
- 18 If you're married for more than ten minutes, you're going to have to forgive somebody for something.
    - **Hillary Rodham Clinton** 1947– American lawyer and politician: on *ABC Primetime Live* 30 January 1992
  - 19 The most happy marriage I can picture or imagine to myself would be the union of a deaf man to a blind woman.
    - **Samuel Taylor Coleridge** 1772–1834 English poet, critic, and philosopher: *Thomas Allsop Letters, Conversations, and Recollections of S. T. Coleridge* (1836)
  - 20 asked about the age difference on returning from her honeymoon with her husband, 32 years her junior:  
If he dies, he dies.
    - **Joan Collins** 1933– British actress: in *Daily Mail* 5 March 2002
  - 21 Marriage is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.
    - **Charles Caleb Colton** 1780–1832 English clergyman and writer: *Lacon* (1822)
  - 22 Tho' marriage makes man and wife one flesh, it leaves 'em still two fools.
    - **William Congreve** 1670–1729 English dramatist: *The Double Dealer* (1694)
  - 23 SHARPER: Thus grief still treads upon the heels of pleasure:  
Married in haste, we may repent at leisure.  
SETTER: Some by experience find those words mis-placed:  
At leisure married, they repent in haste.
    - **William Congreve** 1670–1729 English dramatist: *The Old Bachelor* (1693)
  - 24 Marriage is a wonderful invention; but, then again, so is a bicycle repair kit.
    - **Billy Connolly** 1942– Scottish comedian: *Duncan Campbell Billy Connolly* (1976)
  - 25 One of those looks which only a quarter-century of wedlock can adequately marinate.
    - **Alan Coren** 1938–2007 English humorist: *Seems Like Old Times* (1989)
  - 26 So basically you're saying marriage is just a way of getting out of an embarrassing pause in conversation.
    - **Richard Curtis** 1956– New Zealand-born writer: *Four Weddings and a Funeral* (1994 film)
  - 27 We sleep in separate rooms, we have dinner apart, we take separate vacations—we're doing everything we can to keep our marriage together.
    - **Rodney Dangerfield** 1921–2004 American comedian: attributed
  - 28 Nothing was happening in my marriage. I nicknamed our waterbed Lake Placid.
    - **Phyllis Diller** 1917–2012 American actress: attributed
  - 29 I have always thought that every woman should marry, and no man.
    - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Lothair* (1870)
  - 30 No man is regular in his attendance at the House of Commons until he is married.
    - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Hesketh Pearson Dizzy* (1951)
  - 31 I don't think matrimony consistent with the liberty of the subject.
    - **George Farquhar** 1678–1707 Irish dramatist: *The Twin Rivals* (1703)
  - 32 His designs were strictly honourable, as the phrase is; that is, to rob a lady of her fortune by way of marriage.
    - **Henry Fielding** 1707–54 English novelist and dramatist: *Tom Jones* (1749)
  - 33 Keep your eyes wide open before marriage, half shut afterwards.
    - **Benjamin Franklin** 1706–90 American politician, inventor, and scientist: *Poor Richard's Almanack* (1738)
  - 34 I support gay marriage because I believe they have a right to be just as miserable as the rest of us.
    - **Kinky Friedman** 1944– American singer and politician: quoted on CBS News, 21 August 2005
  - 35 A man in love is incomplete until he has married. Then he's finished.
    - **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917– Hungarian-born film actress: in *Newsweek* 28 March 1960



- 36 POLLY: Then all my sorrows are at an end.  
MRS PEACHUM: A mighty likely speech, in troth, for a wench who is just married!  
▪ **John Gay** 1685-1732 English poet and dramatist: *The Beggar's Opera* (1728)
- 37 By god, D. H. Lawrence was right when he had said there must be a dumb, dark, dull, bitter belly-tension between a man and a woman, and how else could this be achieved save in the long monotony of marriage?  
▪ **Stella Gibbons** 1902-89 English novelist: *Cold Comfort Farm* (1932)
- 38 My mother said it was simple to keep a man, you must be a maid in the living room, a cook in the kitchen and a whore in the bedroom. I said I'd hire the other two and take care of the bedroom bit.  
▪ **Jerry Hall** 1956- American model: in *Observer* 6 October 1985 'Sayings of the Week'
- 39 The critical period in matrimony is breakfast-time.  
▪ **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: *Uncommon Law* (1935) 'Is Marriage Lawful?'
- 40 Holy deadlock.  
▪ **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: title of novel (1934)
- 41 The concept of two people living together for 25 years without having a cross word suggests a lack of spirit only to be admired in sheep.  
▪ **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: in *News Chronicle*, 1940
- 42 Marriage is a good deal like a circus: there is not as much in it as is represented in the advertising.  
▪ **E. W. Howe** 1853-1937 American novelist and editor: *Country Town Sayings* (1911)
- 43 Do you think I'd marry anyone who would marry *me*?  
▪ **Henry James** 1843-1916 American novelist: *The Princess Casamassima* (1886)
- 44 Hogamus, higamous  
Man is polygamous
- Higamus, hogamous  
Woman monogamous.  
▪ **William James** 1842-1910 American philosopher: in *Oxford Book of Marriage* (1990)
- 45 of a man who remarried immediately after the death of a wife with whom he had been unhappy:  
The triumph of hope over experience.  
▪ **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *James Boswell Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 1770
- 46 The most difficult year of marriage is the one you're in.  
▪ **Franklin P. Jones** 1887-1929 American businessman: attributed
- 47 I'm sick of these conventional marriages. One woman and one man was good enough for your grandmother. But who wants to marry your grandmother?  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 and **Morrie Ryskind** 1895-1985 screenwriters: *Animal Crackers* (1930 film), spoken by Groucho Marx as Captain Spaulding
- 48 The honeymoon is over when he phones that he'll be late for supper—and she has already left a note that it's in the refrigerator.  
▪ **Bill Lawrence** 1968- American screenwriter: in *Reader's Digest* 1955
- 49 Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.  
▪ **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: attributed
- 50 Don't worry if you never marry. It will save you a lot of vexation.  
*last words of advice to Petronella Wyatt*  
▪ **Princess Margaret** 1930-2002: in *Sunday Times* 17 February 2002
- 51 to her husband, who had asked the age of a flirtatious starlet with noticeably thick legs: For God's sake, Walter, why don't you chop off her legs and read the rings?  
▪ **Carol Matthau** 1925-2003 American actress: *Truman Capote Answered Prayers* (1986)
- 52 No matter how happily a woman may be married, it always pleases her to



- discover that there is a nice man who wishes she were not.
- **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Chrestomathy* (1949)
- 53 One doesn't have to get anywhere in a marriage. It's not a public conveyance.
- **Iris Murdoch** 1919-99 English novelist: *A Severed Head* (1961)
- 54 Marriage is the alliance of two people one of whom never remembers birthdays and the other never forgets any.
- **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'I do, I will, I have' (1949)
- 55 Marriage may often be a stormy lake, but celibacy is almost always a muddy horsepond.
- **Thomas Love Peacock** 1785-1866 English novelist and poet: *Melincourt* (1817)
- 56 Strange to say what delight we married people have to see these poor fools decoyed into our condition.
- **Samuel Pepys** 1633-1703 English diarist: diary, 25 December 1665
- 57 Tolerance is the one essential ingredient... You can take it from me that the Queen has the quality of tolerance in abundance.
- his recipe for a successful marriage, 19 November 1997, marking their golden wedding anniversary*
- **Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh** 1921- husband of Elizabeth II: in *Times* 20 November 1997
- 58 They dream in courtship, but in wedlock wake.
- **Alexander Pope** 1688-1744 English poet: *Translations from Chaucer* (1714)
- 59 Advice to persons about to marry.—'Don't.'
- **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 8 (1845)
- 60 BISHOP: Who is it that sees and hears all we do, and before whom even I am but as a crushed worm?
- PAGE: The Missus, my Lord.
- **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 79 (1880)
- 61 the Lord Chief Justice was once asked by a lady what was the maximum punishment for bigamy:
- Two mothers-in-law.
- **Lord Russell of Killowen** 1832-1900 Irish lawyer and politician: *Edward Abinger Forty Years at the Bar* (1930)
- 62 A young man married is a man that's marred.
- **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *All's Well that Ends Well* (1603-4)
- 63 Many a good hanging prevents a bad marriage.
- **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Twelfth Night* (1601)
- 64 It is a woman's business to get married as soon as possible, and a man's to keep unmarried as long as he can.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 65 Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903) 'Maxims: Marriage'
- 66 'Tis safest in matrimony to begin with a little aversion.
- **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Rivals* (1775)
- 67 Take care of him. And make him feel important. And if you can do that, you'll have a happy and wonderful marriage. Like two out of every ten couples.
- **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *Barefoot in the Park* (1964)
- 68 My definition of marriage... it resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions, yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 69 The concerts you enjoy together  
Neighbours you annoy together  
Children you destroy together,



That keep marriage intact.

- **Stephen Sondheim** 1930– American songwriter: 'The Little Things You Do Together' (1970 song)

70 My brother Toby, quoth she, is going to be married to Mrs Wadman. Then he will never, quoth my father, lie *diagonally* in his bed again as long as he lives.

- **Laurence Sterne** 1713–68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759–67)

71 Even if we take matrimony at its lowest, even if we regard it as no more than a sort of friendship recognised by the police.

- **Robert Louis Stevenson** 1850–94 Scottish novelist: *Virginibus Puerisque* (1881)

72 *asked who wore the trousers at home:* I do. I wear the trousers. And I wash and iron them, too.

- **Denis Thatcher** 1915–2003 English businessman: attributed; in *Times* 27 June 2003

73 It should be a very happy marriage—they are both so much in love with *him*.

- **Irene Thomas** 1919–2001 British broadcaster: *The Bandsman's Daughter* (1979)

74 Marriage isn't a word...it's a *sentence*!

- **King Vidor** 1895–1982 American film director: in *The Crowd* (1928 film)

75 He is dreadfully married. He's the most married man I ever saw in my life.

- **Artemus Ward** 1834–67 American humorist: *Artemus Ward's Lecture* (1869) 'Brigham Young's Palace'

76 Marriage is a great institution, but I'm not ready for an institution yet.

- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977); attributed

77 A good marriage is like Dr Who's Tardis, only small and banal from the outside, but spacious and interesting from within.

- **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928– English journalist: *View from a Column* (1981)

78 'Tis my maxim, he's a fool that marries, but he's a greater that does not marry a fool.

- **William Wycherley** c.1640–1716 English dramatist: *The Country Wife* (1675)

## Medicine

see also **SICKNESS**

A hospital is no place to be sick. **Sam Goldwyn**

1 I am dying with the help of too many physicians.

- **Alexander the Great** 356–323 BC Greek king: attributed

2 *doctor's advice to Bond star Roger Moore after he had been fitted with a heart pacemaker:*

Keep paying the electricity bill.

- **Anonymous**: in *Mail on Sunday* 4 January 2004 'Quotes of the Year'

3 Medicinal discovery,  
It moves in mighty leaps,  
It leapt straight past the common cold  
And gave it us for keeps.

- **Pam Ayres** 1947– English writer of humorous verse: 'Oh no, I got a cold' (1976)

4 Psychiatrist: a man who asks you a lot of expensive questions your wife asks you for nothing.

- **Sam Bardell**: attributed

5 Hark! the herald angels sing!  
Beecham's Pills are just the thing,  
Two for a woman, one for a child...  
Peace on earth and mercy mild!

- **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: advertising jingle devised for his father, but not used; Neville Cardus *Sir Thomas Beecham* (1961)

6 Physicians of the Utmost Fame  
Were called at once; but when they came

They answered, as they took their Fees,



- 'There is no Cure for this Disease.'
- **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Henry King' (1907)
- 7 I was in for ten hours and had 40 pints, beating my previous record by 20 minutes.  
*comparing transfusions after his liver transplant with drinking, during the BBC's Sports Personality of the Year Awards*
- **George Best** 1946-2005 Northern Irish footballer: in *Mail on Sunday* 15 December 2002
- 8 *definition of a physician:*  
One on whom we set our hopes when ill, and our dogs when well.
- **Ambrose Bierce** 1842-c.1914 American writer: *The Devil's Dictionary* (1911)
- 9 I used to believe that chiropractors were charlatans, but then I went to one and now I stand corrected.
- **Shmuel Breban** American comedian: attributed
- 10 A fashionable surgeon, like a pelican, can be recognized by the size of his bill.
- **John Chalmers DaCosta** 1863-1933 American surgeon: *The Trials and Triumphs of the Surgeon* (1944)
- 11 *epigram on Dr John Lettsom, who would sign his prescriptions 'I. Lettsom':*  
Whenever patients come to I,  
I physics, bleeds, and sweats 'em;  
If after that they choose to die,  
What's that to me!—*I letts 'em.*
- **Thomas Erskine** 1750-1823 British lawyer: *Poetical Works* (1823)
- 12 A Harvard medical school study has determined that rectal thermometers are still the best way to tell a baby's temperature. Plus it really teaches the baby who's boss.
- **Tina Fey** 1970- American comedian and actress: attributed
- 13 A cousin of mine who was a casualty surgeon in Manhattan tells me that he and his colleagues had a one-word nickname for bikers: Donors.
- **Stephen Fry** 1957- English comedian, actor, and writer: *Paperweight* (1992)
- 14 I came in here in all good faith to help my country. I don't mind giving a reasonable amount [of blood], but a pint...why that's very nearly an armful. I'm sorry. I'm not walking around with an empty arm for anybody.
- **Ray Galton** 1930- and **Alan Simpson** 1929- English writers: *The Blood Donor* (1961 television programme, words spoken by Tony Hancock)
- 15 A hospital is no place to be sick.
- **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Arthur Marx Goldwyn (1976)
- 16 What's the bleeding time?
- **Richard Gordon** 1921- English writer: *Doctor in the House* (1954 film), spoken by James Robertson Justice
- 17 If you have a stomach ache, in France you get a suppository, in Germany a health spa, in the United States they cut your stomach open and in Britain they put you on a waiting list.
- **Phil Hammond** 1955- and **Michael Mosley**: *Trust Me (I'm a Doctor)* (1999)
- 18 When our organs have been transplanted  
And the new ones made happy to lodge in us,  
Let us pray one wish be granted—  
We retain our zones erogenous.
- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'Seated One Day at the Organ' (1965)
- 19 Hungry Joe collected lists of fatal diseases and arranged them in alphabetical order so that he could put his finger without delay on any one he wanted to worry about.
- **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)
- 20 As to diseases, make a habit of two things—to help, or at least to do no harm.
- **Hippocrates** c.460-357 BC Greek physician: *Epidemics*
- 21 The kind of doctor I want is one who, when he's not examining me, is home studying medicine.
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)



- 22 In disease Medical Men guess: if they cannot ascertain a disease, they call it nervous.
  - **John Keats** 1795-1821 English poet: J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981); attributed
- 23 One of the most difficult things to contend with in a hospital is the assumption on the part of the staff that because you have lost your gall bladder you have also lost your mind.
  - **Jean Kerr** 1923-2003 American writer: *How I Got to be Perfect* (1979)
- 24 A specialist is a man who knows more and more about less and less.
  - **William Mayo** 1861-1939 American physician: attributed
- 25 I fear that being a patient in any hospital in Ireland calls for two things—holy resignation and an iron constitution.
  - **Flann O'Brien** 1911-66 Irish novelist and journalist: *Myles Away from Dublin* (1990)
- 26 The desire to take medicine is perhaps the greatest feature which distinguishes man from animals.
  - **William Osler** 1849-1919 Canadian-born physician: H. Cushing *Life of Sir William Osler* (1925)
- 27 He said my bronchial tubes were entrancing,  
My epiglottis filled him with glee,  
He simply loved my larynx  
And went wild about my pharynx,  
But he never said he loved me.
  - **Cole Porter** 1891-1964 American songwriter: 'The Physician' (1933)
- 28 Cured yesterday of my disease,  
I died last night of my physician.
  - **Matthew Prior** 1664-1721 English poet: 'The Remedy Worse than the Disease' (1727)
- 29 A friend of mine confused her Valium with her birth control pills—she had 14 kids but didn't give a shit.
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 30 There would never be any public agreement among doctors if they did not agree to agree on the main point of the doctor being always in the right.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: preface to *The Doctor's Dilemma* (1911)
- 31 There is at bottom only one genuinely scientific treatment for all diseases, and that is to stimulate the phagocytes.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *The Doctor's Dilemma* (1911)
- 32 I can't stand whispering. Every time a doctor whispers in the hospital, next day there's a funeral.
  - **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *The Gingerbread Lady* (1970)
- 33 Randolph Churchill went into hospital...to have a lung removed. It was announced that the trouble was not 'malignant'...it was a typical triumph of modern science to find the only part of Randolph that was not malignant and remove it.
  - **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: 'Irregular Notes 1960-65'; diary March 1964
- 34 Sir Roderick Glossop...is always called a nerve specialist, because it sounds better, but everybody knows that he's really a sort of janitor to the looney-bin.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *The Inimitable Jeeves* (1923)



# Members of Parliament

see also **POLITICS**

Being an MP feeds your vanity and starves your self-respect. **Matthew Parris**

- 1 Being an MP is the sort of job all working-class parents want for their children—clean, indoors and no heavy lifting.
  - **Diane Abbott** 1953– British Labour politician: in *Observer* 30 January 1994 ‘Sayings of the Week’
- 2 Happiness is the constituency in the rear-view mirror.
  - **Anonymous**: in 1991; Gyles Brandreth *Something Sensational to Read in the Train* (2010)
- 3 As an MP, you only meet two types of people: people with problems and people who are right.
  - **Gyles Brandreth** 1948– English writer and broadcaster: diary, 18 May 1997, *Something Sensational to Read in the Train* (2010)
- 4 **CHURCHILL**: I am the humble servant of the Lord Jesus Christ and of the House of Commons.  
**CRIPPS**: I hope you treat Jesus better than you treat the H of C.
  - **Stafford Cripps** 1889–1952 British Labour politician: diary, April 1950
- 5 The only safe pleasure for a parliamentarian is a bag of boiled sweets.
  - **Julian Critchley** 1930–2000 British Conservative politician and journalist: in *Listener* 10 June 1982
- 6 The occupational hazards are the three As: arrogance, alcoholism and adultery. If you suffer from only one, it’s thought you’re doing quite well.
  - **Edwina Currie** 1946– British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 8 June 2010
- 7 The prospect of a lot Of dull MPs in close proximity, All thinking for themselves is what No man can face with equanimity.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)
- 8 When in that House MPs divide, If they’ve a brain and cerebellum too, They have to leave that brain outside, And vote just as their leaders tell ’em to.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)
- 9 Being an MP feeds your vanity and starves your self-respect.
  - **Matthew Parris** 1949– British journalist and former politician: in *Times* 9 February 1994
- 10 Under the present circumstances, I would rather be a lap dancer than a woman MP—the hours are better and unruly male members are shown the door.
  - **Allison Pearson** 1960– Welsh journalist: in *Evening Standard* 9 May 2001
- 11 I never saw so many shocking bad hats in my life.
  - **Duke of Wellington** 1769–1852 British soldier and statesman: W. Fraser *Words on Wellington* (1889)



# Memory

The older I get, the better I used to be. **John McEnroe**

- 1 Our memories are card-indexes consulted, and then put back in disorder by authorities whom we do not control.
  - **Cyril Connolly** 1903-74 English writer: *The Unquiet Grave* (1944)
- 2 H: We met at nine  
G: We met at eight  
H: I was on time  
G: No, you were late  
H: Ah yes! I remember it well.
  - **Alan Jay Lerner** 1918-86 American songwriter: 'I Remember It Well' (1957)
- 3 The older I get, the better I used to be. *quoting basketball star Connie Hawkins*
  - **John McEnroe** 1959- American tennis player: on *Charlie Rose* WNET 4 February 1999
- 4 The fondest memory I have is not really of the Goons. It is a girl called Julia with enormous breasts.
  - **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: attributed
- 5 The selective memory isn't selective enough.
  - **Blake Morrison** 1950- English poet: in *Independent on Sunday* 16 June 1991
- 6 My memory is so very untrustworthy. It's as fickle as a fox. Ask me to name the third lateral bloodvessel from the extremity of my index finger that runs east to west when I lie on my face at sundown, or the percentage of chalk to be found in the knuckles of an average spinster in her fifty-seventh year, ha, ha, ha!—or even ask me, my dear boy, to give details of the pulse rate of frogs two minutes before they die of scabies—these things are no tax upon my memory, ha, ha, ha! but ask me to remember exactly what you said your problems were, a minute ago and you will find that my memory has forsaken me utterly.
  - **Mervyn Peake** 1911-68 English artist and writer: *Titus Groan* (1946)

# Men

see also **MEN AND WOMEN**

Men are animals and as such are entitled to humane treatment.  
**Germaine Greer**

- 1 My mother's two categories: nice men did things for you, bad men did things to you.
  - **Margaret Atwood** 1939- Canadian novelist: *Lady Oracle* (1976)
- 2 It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775-1817 English novelist: *Pride and Prejudice* (1813)
- 3 A man is two people, himself and his cock. A man always takes his friend to the party. Of the two, the friend is the nicer, being more able to show his feelings.
  - **Beryl Bainbridge** 1934-2010 English novelist: *Judy Allen Picking on Men* (1985)
- 4 A man who correctly guesses a woman's age may be smart, but he's not very bright.
  - **Lucille Ball** 1911-89 American actress: attributed



- 5 Women were brought up to believe that men were the answer. They weren't. They weren't even one of the questions.
  - **Julian Barnes** 1946- English novelist: *Staring at the Sun* (1986)
- 6 Men in their forties are like the New York Times Sunday crossword puzzle: tricky, complicated, and you're never really sure you got the right answer.
  - **Candace Bushnell** 1958- , **Darren Star** 1961- , and **Patrick King** 1954- American writers: *Sex and the City* (HBO TV, 1998) Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie
- 7 All men are children anyway and if you understand that, a woman understands everything.
  - **Coco Chanel** 1883-1971 French couturière: John Fairchild *The Fashionable Savages* (1965)
- 8 My mother wanted me to be a nice boy. I didn't let her down. I don't smoke, drink or mess around with women.
  - **Julian Clary** 1959- English comedian: in *Independent* 2 March 1996 'Quote Unquote'
- 9 Beware of men who cry. It's true that men who cry are sensitive to and in touch with feelings, but the only feelings they tend to be sensitive to and in touch with are their own.
  - **Nora Ephron** 1941-2012 American screenwriter and director: *Heartburn* (1983)
- 10 Summer bachelors, like summer breezes, are never as cool as they pretend to be.
  - **Nora Ephron** 1941-2012 American screenwriter and director: in *New York Post* 22 August 1965
- 11 It struck me as pretty ridiculous to be called Mr Darcy and to stand on your own looking snooty at a party. It's like being called Heathcliff and insisting on spending the entire evening in the garden, shouting 'Cathy' and banging your head against a tree.
  - **Helen Fielding** 1958- British writer: *Bridget Jones's Diary* (1996)
- 12 I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?
  - **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917- Hungarian-born actress: attributed
- 13 Francesca di Rimini, miminy, piminy, *Je-ne-sais-quoi* young man!
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *Patience* (1881)
- 14 Men are animals and as such are entitled to humane treatment.
  - **Germaine Greer** 1939- Australian feminist: in *Mail on Sunday* 7 March 1999 'Quotes of the Week'
- 15 Behind every successful man stands a surprised mother-in-law.
  - **Hubert Humphrey** 1911-78 American Democratic politician: attributed, 1960s
- 16 To men, porno movies are beautiful love stories with all the boring stuff taken out.
  - **Richard Jeni** 1957-2007 American comedian: attributed
- 17 When a man brings his wife flowers for no reason—there's a reason!
  - **Marian Jordan** 1898-1961 American actress: attributed, as Molly McGee in *Fibber McGee and Molly* (NBC radio, 1935-59)
- 18 Years ago, manhood was an opportunity for achievement, and now it is a problem to be overcome.
  - **Garrison Keillor** 1942- American humorous writer and broadcaster: *The Book of Guys* (1994)
- 19 There are no available men in their thirties in New York. Giuliani had them removed along with the homeless.
  - **Michael Patrick King**: *Sex and the City* 'Valley of the Twenty-Something Guys' (1998); spoken by Miranda
- 20 Most men think monogamy is something you make dining-room tables out of.
  - **Kathy Lette** 1958- Australian writer: *Men: A User's Guide* (2010)
- 21 A man's home may seem to be his castle on the outside; inside it is more often his nursery.
  - **Clare Booth Luce** 1903-87 American diplomat, politician, and writer: attributed
- 22 Men are those creatures with two legs and eight hands
  - **Jayne Mansfield** 1933-67 American actress: attributed



- 23 Bachelors have consciences, married men have wives.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *A Little Book in C major* (1916)
- 24 In men this blunder still you find,  
All think their little set—mankind.
  - **Hannah More** 1745–1833 English writer: *Florio* (1786)
- 25 If you want to scare your boyfriend next Halloween, come dressed as what he fears most. Commitment.
  - **Peter Nelson**: *Real Man Tells All* (1988)
- 26 The follies which a man regrets most, in his life, are those which he didn't commit when he had the opportunity.
  - **Helen Rowland** 1875–1950 American writer: *A Guide to Men* (1922)
- 27 The typical public schoolboy is acceptable at a dance and invaluable in a shipwreck.
  - **J. F. Roxburgh** 1885–1951 English headmaster: *Eleutheros* (1930)
- 28 Men's bums never grow up. Like school satchels, they evoke in an instant memories of childhood.
  - **Arundhati Roy** 1961– Indian novelist: *The God of Small Things* (1997)
- 29 I like men to behave like men—strong and childish.
  - **Françoise Sagan** 1935–2004 French novelist: attributed; Jonathon Green *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)
- 30 God made him, and therefore let him pass for a man.
  - **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *The Merchant of Venice* (1596–8)
- 31 A hard man is good to find.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: attributed
- 32 A man in the house is worth two in the street.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: *Belle of the Nineties* (1934 film)
- 33 There is, of course, no reason for the existence of the male sex except that sometimes one needs help with moving the piano.
  - **Rebecca West** 1892–1983 English novelist and journalist: in *Sunday Telegraph* 28 June 1970
- 34 A fox is a wolf who sends flowers.
  - **Ruth Weston** 1906–55 American actress: attributed; in R. L. Woods *A Modern Handbook of Humour* (1967)
- 35 Many a fellow who looks like the dominant male and has himself photographed smoking a pipe curls up like carbon paper when confronted by an aunt.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Mating Season* (1949)

# Men and Women

see also **DATING, MEN, WOMEN**

When women go wrong, men go right after them. **Mae West**

- 1 The average girl would rather have beauty than brains because she knows that the average man can see much better than he can think.
  - **Anonymous**: saying, from 1940s on
- 2 If you catch a man, throw him back.
  - **Anonymous**: women's liberation slogan, Australia, 1975
- 3 Why is it hard for women to find men who are sensitive, caring, and good-looking? Because those men already have boyfriends.
  - **Anonymous**: modern saying
- 4 A gentleman is one who never swears at his wife when ladies are present.
  - **Anonymous**: saying, Evan Esar *20,000 Quips and Quotes* (1968)



- 5 In passing, also, I would like to say that the first time Adam had a chance he laid the blame on woman...
  - **Nancy Astor** 1879-1964 American-born British Conservative politician: *My Two Countries* (1923)
- 6 Zuleika, on a desert island, would have spent most of her time in looking for a man's footprint.
  - **Max Beerbohm** 1872-1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: *Zuleika Dobson* (1911)
- 7 All women dress like their mothers, that is their tragedy. No man ever does. That is his.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)
- 8 You never see a man walking down the street with a woman who has a little pot belly and a bald spot.
  - **Elayne Boosler** 1952- American comedian: attributed
- 9 Guys are like dogs. They keep coming back. Ladies are like cats. Yell at a cat one time, they're gone.
  - **Lenny Bruce** 1925-66 American comedian: attributed
- 10 A woman can become a man's friend only in the following stages—first an acquaintance, next a mistress, and only then a friend.
  - **Anton Chekhov** 1860-1904 Russian dramatist and short-story writer: *Uncle Vanya* (1897)
- 11 Certain women should be struck regularly, like gongs.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *Private Lives* (1930)
- 12 on his regret at not being born female: I'd have opened a knitting shop in Carlisle and been a part of life.
  - **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: in *Spectator* 20 November 1999
- 13 I wouldn't be seen dead with a woman old enough to be my wife.
  - **Tony Curtis** 1925-2010 American actor: attributed
- 14 Last year my wife ran off with the fellow next door and I must admit, I still miss him.
  - **Les Dawson** 1934-93 English comedian: attributed
- 15 A coachman's a privileged individual... 'cos a coachman may be on the wery amicablest terms with eighty mile o' females, and yet nobody think that he ever means to marry any vun among them.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Pickwick Papers* (1837)
- 16 The feminist movement seems to have beaten the manners out of men, but I didn't see them put up a lot of resistance.
  - **Clarissa Dickson Wright** 1947-2014 English chef and broadcaster: in *Mail on Sunday* 24 September 2000 'Quotes of the Week'
- 17 Plain women he regarded as he did the other severe facts of life, to be faced with philosophy and investigated by science.
  - **George Eliot** 1819-80 English novelist: *Middlemarch* (1871-2)
- 18 a fellow Congressman attacked a piece of women's rights legislation with the words, 'I've always thought of women as kissable, cuddly, and smelling good': That's what I feel about men. I only hope you haven't been disappointed as often as I have.
  - **Millicent Fenwick** 1910-92 American Republican politician: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 19 estranged husband of Liza Minnelli: I'd give up all my Shirley Temple dolls to get Liza back.
  - **David Gest** 1953- : in *Sunday Times* 14 December 2003
- 20 If they ever invent a vibrator that can open pickle jars, we've had it. on the bleak future facing men
  - **Jeff Green** 1964- English comedian: in *Mail on Sunday* 21 March 1999
- 21 Couldn't sleep  
And wouldn't sleep  
Until I could sleep where I shouldn't sleep—



- Bewitched, bothered and bewildered  
am I.
- **Lorenz Hart** 1895-1943 American songwriter: 'Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered' (1940)
- 22 Take him, I won't put a price on him  
Take him, he's yours  
Take him, pyjamas look nice on him  
But how he snores!
- **Lorenz Hart** 1895-1943 American songwriter: 'Take Him' (1940)
- 23 Women and cats do as they please, and  
men and dogs might as well relax to it.
- **Robert Heinlein** 1907-88 American science fiction writer: *Glory Road* (1963)
- 24 A woman's mind is cleaner than a  
man's; she changes it more often.
- **Oliver Herford** 1863-1935 English-born American humorist: attributed; Evan Esar and Nicolas Bentley (eds.) *Treasury of Humorous Quotations* (1951)
- 25 Can you imagine a world without men?  
No crime and lots of happy fat women.
- **Nicole Hollander** 1939- American cartoonist: attributed
- 26 Brought up in an epoch when ladies  
apparently rolled along on wheels,  
Mr Quarles was peculiarly susceptible  
to calves.
- **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist: *Point Counter Point* (1928)
- 27 Women speak because they wish to  
speak, whereas a man speaks only when  
driven to speech by something outside  
himself—like, for instance, he can't find  
any clean socks.
- **Jean Kerr** 1923-2003 American writer: *The Snake Has All the Lines* (1962)
- 28 No one will ever win the battle of the  
sexes; there's too much fraternizing  
with the enemy.
- **Henry Kissinger** 1923- American politician: attributed
- 29 Behind every great man is a woman  
rolling her eyes.
- **Steve Koren, Mark O'Keefe, and Steve Oedekerk** screenwriters: *Bruce Almighty* (2003 film), spoken by Jim Carrey as Bruce Nolan
- 30 The female sex has no greater fan than  
I, and I have the bills to prove it.
- **Alan Jay Lerner** 1918-86 American songwriter: *The Street Where I Live* (1978)
- 31 Yes, why can't a woman be more like a  
man?  
Men are so honest, so thoroughly  
square;  
Eternally noble, historically fair;  
Who when you win will always give  
your back a pat—  
Why can't a woman be like that?
- **Alan Jay Lerner** 1918-86 American songwriter: 'A Hymn to Him' (1956 song)
- 32 Why do men like smart women?  
Because opposites attract.
- **Kathy Lette** 1958- Australian writer: *Dead Sexy* (2003)
- 33 *comment made by the estranged wife of  
Selwyn Lloyd:*  
How could any woman love a man who  
wears a cardigan over his pyjamas?
- **Elizabeth Lloyd** 1928- : attributed; Alan Watkins in *Spectator* 14 June 2003
- 34 Brother, do you know a nicer  
occupation,  
Matter of fact, neither do I,  
Than standing on the corner  
Watching all the girls go by?
- **Frank Loesser** 1910-69 American songwriter: 'Standing on the Corner' (1956)
- 35 Oh! to be loved by a man I respect,  
To bask in the glow of his perfectly  
understandable neglect.
- **Frank Loesser** 1910-69 American songwriter: 'Happy to Keep his Dinner Warm' (1961)
- 36 Women are brighter than men. That's  
true, but it should be kept very quiet or  
it ruins the whole racket.
- **Anita Loos** 1893-1981 American writer: attributed
- 37 Men talk to women so they can sleep  
with them and women sleep with men  
so they can talk to them.
- **Jay McInerney** 1955- American writer: *Brightness Falls* (1992)
- 38 I suppose true sexual equality will come  
when a general called Anth  a is found  
having an unwise lunch with a young,



- unreliable male model from Spain.  
*remark after a series of sex scandals involving military men*
- **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: in *The Spectator* 26 March 1994
- 39 A little incompatibility is the spice of life, particularly if he has income and she is patable.
- **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: *Versus* (1949)
- 40 Twenty years ago when we had no respect for women they just used to say, 'You're chucked.' And now we do respect them we have to lie to them sensitively.
- **Simon Nye** 1958- English screenwriter: *Men Behaving Badly* (ITV, series 1, 1992) 'Intruders'
- 41 Men seldom make passes  
 At girls who wear glasses.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: 'News Item' (1937)
- 42 Woman lives but in her lord;  
 Count to ten, and man is bored.  
 With this the gist and sum of it,  
 What earthly good can come of it?
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: 'General Review of the Sex Situation' (1937)
- 43 Of course, I'm awfly glad that Mother  
 had to marry Father,  
 But I hate men.
- **Cole Porter** 1891-1964 American songwriter: 'I Hate Men' (1948)
- 44 All my life I've loved a womanly woman  
 and admired a manly man, but I never  
 could stand a boily boy.
- **Lord Rosebery** 1847-1929 British Liberal statesman: *George Cornwallis-West Edwardian Heydays* (1930)
- 45 The material for this book was collected  
 directly from nature at great personal  
 risk by the author.  
*in capitals, on the flyleaf of her book*
- **Helen Rowland** 1875-1950 American writer: *A Guide to Men* (1922)
- 46 Men hate to lose. I once beat my  
 husband at tennis. I asked him 'Are we  
 going to have sex again?' He said 'Yes,  
 but not with each other'.
- **Rita Rudner** 1953- American comedienne and writer: attributed
- 47 It was always women who did the  
 choosing, and men's place was to be  
 grateful if they were lucky enough to  
 be the chosen ones.
- **Salman Rushdie** 1947- Indian-born British novelist: *Joseph Anton* (2012)
- 48 LYDIA: Every great man has had a  
 woman behind him.  
 JANET: And every great woman has  
 had some man or other in front of her,  
 tripping her up.
- **Dorothy L. Sayers** 1893-1957 English writer: *Love All* (1940)
- 49 Only the male intellect, clouded  
 by sexual impulse, could call the  
 undersized, narrow-shouldered, broad-  
 hipped, and short-legged sex the fair  
 sex.
- **Arthur Schopenhauer** 1788-1860 German philosopher: 'On Women' (1851), tr. E. Belfort Bax
- 50 Men want the same thing from their  
 underwear that they want from  
 women: a little bit of support and a  
 little bit of freedom.
- **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: attributed
- 51 *an unknown woman wrote to Shaw suggesting  
 that as he had the greatest brain in the world,  
 and she the most beautiful body, they ought to  
 produce the most perfect child. He replied:  
 What if the child inherits my body and  
 your brains?*
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Hesketh Pearson Bernard Shaw* (1942)
- 52 You've got to understand, in a way  
 a thirty-three-year-old guy is a lot  
 younger than a twenty-four-year-old  
 girl. That is, he may not be ready for  
 marriage yet.
- **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *Come Blow Your Horn* (1961)
- 53 Werther had a love for Charlotte  
 Such as words could never utter;  
 Would you know how first he met her?



- She was cutting bread and butter.
- **William Makepeace Thackeray** 1811–63  
English novelist: 'Sorrows of Werther' (1855)
- 54 If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman.
- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925–2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in *People* (New York) 15 September 1975
- 55 Sure he was great, but don't forget that Ginger Rogers did everything he did backwards...and in high heels!  
*caption to 'Frank and Ernest' cartoon showing a Fred Astaire film festival*
- **Bob Thaves** 1924–2006 American cartoonist: Ginger Rogers *Ginger: My Story* (1991)
- 56 A man has one hundred dollars and you leave him with two dollars, that's subtraction.
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: Joseph Weintraub *Peel Me a Grape* (1975)
- 57 Is that a gun in your pocket, or are you just glad to see me?
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: Joseph Weintraub *Peel Me a Grape* (1975), usually quoted as 'Is that a pistol in your pocket...'
- 58 When women go wrong, men go right after them.
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: in *She Done Him Wrong* (1933 film)
- 59 *asked by the gossip columnist Hedda Hopper*
- how she knew so much about men:*  
Baby, I went to night school.
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: Max Wilk *The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972)
- 60 Whatever women do they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.
- **Charlotte Whitton** 1896–1975 Canadian writer and politician: in *Canada Month* June 1963
- 61 Girls are just friends who give you erections.  
*reporting his teenage son's words*
- **Nigel Williams** 1948– English writer: *Fortysomething* (1999)
- 62 The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby.
- **Natalie Wood** 1938–81 American actress: attributed
- 63 A man is designed to walk three miles in the rain to phone for help when the car breaks down—and a woman is designed to say, 'You took your time' when he comes back dripping wet.
- **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: attributed
- 64 A mistress should be like a little country retreat near the town, not to dwell in constantly, but only for a night and away.
- **William Wycherley** c.1640–1716 English dramatist: *The Country Wife* (1675)

# Mental Health

see also **MIND**

O Lord, Sir—when a heroine goes mad she always goes into white satin.  
**Richard Brinsley Sheridan**

- 1 A neurotic is a person who builds a castle in the air. A psychotic is the person who lives in it. A psychiatrist is the one who collects the rent.  
▪ **Anonymous**: popular saying, from 1950s
  - 2 The statistics on sanity are that one out of every four Americans is suffering from some form of mental illness.
  - 3 I told my wife the truth. I told her I was seeing a psychiatrist. Then she told *me* the truth; that *she* was seeing a psychiatrist, two plumbers
- Think of your three best friends.  
If they're okay, then it's you.
- **Rita Mae Brown** 1944– American novelist and poet: attributed



and a bartender.

- **Rodney Dangerfield** 1921–2004 American comedian: attributed
- 4 Any man who goes to a psychiatrist should have his head examined.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: *Norman Zierold Moguls* (1969)
- 5 There was only one catch and that was Catch-22, which specified that a concern for one's own safety in the face of dangers that were real and immediate was the process of a rational mind... Orr would be crazy to fly more missions and sane if he didn't, but if he was sane he had to fly them. If he flew them he was crazy and didn't have to; but if he didn't want to he was sane and had to.
  - **Joseph Heller** 1923–99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)
- 6 Show me a sane man and I will cure him for you.
  - **Carl Gustav Jung** 1875–1961 Swiss psychologist: *Vincent Brome Jung* (1978)
- 7 Insanity runs in my family, it practically gallops!
  - **Joseph Kesselring** 1902–67 American writer: *Arsenic and Old Lace* (1941), spoken by Cary Grant as Mortimer Brewster in the 1944 film version
- 8 Psychiatry is a waste of good couches. Why should I make a psychiatrist laugh, and then pay him?
  - **Kathy Lette** 1958– Australian writer: in *Times* 27 October 2001
- 9 If the nineteenth century was the age of the editorial chair, ours is the century of the psychiatrist's couch.
  - **Marshall McLuhan** 1911–80 Canadian communications scholar: *Understanding Media* (1964)
- 10 O Lord, Sir—when a heroine goes mad she always goes into white satin.
  - **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Critic* (1779)
- 11 A psychiatrist is a man who goes to the Folies-Bergère and looks at the audience.
  - **Mervyn Stockwood** 1913–95 English clergyman: in *Observer* 15 October 1961
- 12 You're only given a little spark of madness. You mustn't lose it.
  - **Robin Williams** 1951–2014 American actor: *D. Houseman and J. Frank-Keyes Funny Business* (1992)

## Middle Age

see also **OLD AGE, YOUTH**

Whenever the talk turns to age, I say I am 49 plus VAT. **Lionel Blair**

- 1 Years ago we discovered the exact point, the dead centre of middle age. It occurs when you are too young to take up golf and too old to rush up to the net.
  - **Franklin P. Adams** 1881–1960 American journalist and humorist: *Nods and Becks* (1944)
- 2 I recently turned 60. Practically a third of my life is over.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: in *Observer* 'Sayings of the Week' 10 March 1996
- 3 You are thirty-two. You are rapidly approaching the age when your body, whether it embarrasses you or not, begins to embarrass other people.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Getting On* (1972)
- 4 Whenever the talk turns to age, I say I am 49 plus VAT.
  - **Lionel Blair** 1936– British actor and dancer: in *Mail on Sunday* 6 June 1999
- 5 Middle age is when your broad mind and



- narrow waist begin to change places.
- **E. Joseph Cossman**: attributed
- 6 Nobody loves a fairy when she's forty.
    - **Arthur W. D. Henley** British songwriter: title of song (1934)
  - 7 *of Zsa Zsa Gabor*:  
She's discovered the secret of perpetual middle age.
    - **Oscar Levant** 1906-72 American pianist: attributed
  - 8 I have a bone to pick with Fate.  
Come here and tell me, girlie,  
Do you think my mind is maturing late,  
Or simply rotted early?
    - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Lines on Facing Forty' (1942)
  - 9 As invariably happens after one passes 40, the paper sagged open to the obituary page.
    - **S. J. Perelman** 1904-79 American humorist: 'Swindle Sheet with Blueblood Engrailed Arrant Fibs Rampant'
  - 10 Maturity is a high price to pay for growing up.
    - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Where Are They Now?* (1973)
  - 11 From birth to 18 a girl needs good parents. From 18 to 35, she needs good looks. From 35 to 55, good personality. From 55 on, she needs good cash.
    - **Sophie Tucker** 1884-1966 Russian-born American vaudeville artiste: *Michael Freedland Sophie* (1978)
  - 12 Youth is when you are allowed to stay up late on New Year's Eve. Middle age is when you are forced to.
    - **Bill Vaughan** 1915-77 American columnist: attributed
  - 13 Thirty-five is a very attractive age. London society is full of women of the very highest birth who have, of their own free choice, remained thirty-five for years.
    - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)

## The Mind

see also **INTELLIGENCE, MENTAL HEALTH**

Insanity is hereditary. You can get it from your children. **Sam Levenson**

- 1 If a cluttered desk is a sign of a cluttered mind, then what are we to think of an empty desk?
  - **Anonymous**: modern saying, often wrongly attributed to Albert Einstein
- 2 if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing it's stupid.
  - **Anonymous**: modern saying, often wrongly attributed to Albert Einstein
- 3 If I am out of my mind, it's all right with me.
  - **Saul Bellow** 1915-2005 American novelist: *Herzog* (1961) opening sentence
- 4 An apparatus with which we think that we think.  
*definition of the brain*
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842-c.1914 American writer: *Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 5 *Charles Condomine declining psychoanalysis*: I refuse to endure months of expensive humiliation only to be told at the end of it that at the age of four I was in love with my rocking-horse.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *Blithe Spirit* (1941)
- 6 Minds are like parachutes. They only function when they are open.
  - **Lord Dewar** 1864-1930 British industrialist: attributed
- 7 Insanity is hereditary. You can get it from your children.
  - **Sam Levenson** 1911-80 American humorist: *You Can Say That Again, Sam!* (1975)
- 8 If I knew what I was so anxious about I wouldn't be anxious.
  - **Mignon McLaughlin** 1913-83 American writer: *Complete Neurotic's Notebook* (1981)



- 9 The trouble with having an open mind, of course, is that people will insist on coming along and trying to put things in it.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Diggers* (1990)
- 10 'Do you know if there was any insanity in her family?' 'Insanity? No, I never heard of any. Her father lives in West Kensington, but I believe he's sane on all other subjects.'
  - **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *Beasts and Super-Beasts* (1914)
- 11 Not body enough to cover his mind decently with; his intellect is improperly exposed.
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 12 I must have a prodigious quantity of mind; it takes me as much as a week, sometimes, to make it up.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *The Innocents Abroad* (1869)
- 13 A neurosis is a secret you don't know you're keeping.
  - **Kenneth Tynan** 1927-80 English theatre critic: *Kathleen Tynan Life of Kenneth Tynan* (1987)
- 14 Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.
  - **Steven Wright** 1955- American comedian: attributed

## Mistakes and Misfortunes

Calamities are of two kinds: misfortune to ourselves, and good fortune to others. **Ambrose Bierce**

- 1 STRIKER: Surely you can't be serious.  
DR RUMACK: I am serious. And don't call me Shirley.
  - **Jim Abrahams and others** screenwriters: *Airplane!* (1980 film)
- 2 Instead of being arrested, as we stated, for kicking his wife down a flight of stairs and hurling a lighted kerosene lamp after her, the Revd James P. Wellman died unmarried four years ago.
  - **Anonymous**: from an American newspaper, quoted by Burne-Jones in a letter to Lady Horner; J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981)
- 3 waiter delivering champagne to George Best's hotel room:  
Tell me, Mr Best, where did it all go wrong?  
*£20,000 in cash was scattered on the bed, which also contained Miss World*
  - **Anonymous**: attributed
- 4 My only solution for the problem of habitual accidents...is to stay in bed all day. Even then, there is always the chance that you will fall out.
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889-1945 American humorist: *Chips off the old Benchley* (1949) 'Safety Second'
- 5 on being told by her son that lesbians are women who sleep together:  
MRS HOPKINS: Well, that's nothing. I slept with your Auntie Phyllis all during the air raids.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Mel I'm Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (1978)
- 6 George the Third  
Ought never to have occurred.  
One can only wonder  
At so grotesque a blunder.
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956 English writer: 'George the Third' (1929)
- 7 My misdeeds are accidental happenings and merely the result of having been in the wrong bar or bed at the wrong time, say most days between midday and midnight.
  - **Jeffrey Bernard** 1932-97 English journalist: in *The Spectator* 18 July 1992



- 8 Calamities are of two kinds: misfortune to ourselves, and good fortune to others.
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 9 on premature calls of a win in Florida in the presidential election of 2000:  
We don't just have egg on our face.  
We have omelette all over our suits.
  - **Tom Brokaw** 1940– American journalist: in *Atlanta Constitution-Journal* 9 November 2000 (online edition)
- 10 Of all the horrid, hideous notes of woe,  
Sadder than owl-songs or the midnight blast,  
Is that portentous phrase, 'I told you so.'
  - **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819–24)
- 11 I've learned from my mistakes, and  
I'm sure I can repeat them.  
as *Sir Arthur Streeb-Greebling*
  - **Peter Cook** 1937–95 English comedian and actor: attributed
- 12 *Edith Evans repeatedly inserted the word 'very' into a line of Hay Fever:*  
No, no, Edith. The line is, 'You can see as far as Marlow on a clear day.' On a very clear day you can see Marlow and Beaumont and Fletcher.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Cole Lesley *The Life of Noël Coward* (1976)
- 13 If Gladstone fell into the Thames, that would be misfortune; and if anybody pulled him out, that, I suppose, would be a calamity.
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 14 Something nasty in the woodshed.
  - **Stella Gibbons** 1902–89 English novelist: *Cold Comfort Farm* (1932)
- 15 The babe with a cry brief and dismal,  
Fell into the water baptismal;  
Ere they gathered its plight,  
It had sunk out of sight,  
For the depth of the font was abysmal.
  - **Edward Gorey** 1925–2000 American illustrator: *The Listing Attic* (1954)
- 16 'There's been an accident,' they said,  
'Your servant's cut in half; he's dead!'
- 'Indeed!' said Mr Jones, 'and please,  
Send me the half that's got my keys.'

  - **Harry Graham** 1874–1936 British writer and journalist: 'Mr Jones' (1899)

- 17 I left the room with silent dignity, but caught my foot in the mat.
  - **George Grossmith** 1847–1912 and **Weedon Grossmith** 1854–1919: *The Diary of a Nobody* (1894)
- 18 If, of all words of tongue and pen,  
The saddest are, 'It might have been,'  
More sad are these we daily see:  
'It is, but hadn't ought to be!'
  - **Bret Harte** 1836–1902 American poet: 'Mrs Judge Jenkins' (1867)
- 19 Well, I'm still here.  
after erroneous reports of his death, marked by tributes paid to him in Congress
  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: in *Mail on Sunday* 7 June 1998 'Quotes of the Week'
- 20 My father told me all about the birds and the bees, the liar—I went steady with a woodpecker until I was 21.
  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: attributed; in *Times* 29 July 2003
- 21 You were only supposed to blow the bloody doors off!
  - **Troy Kennedy-Martin** 1932–2009 British screenwriter: *The Italian Job* (1969 film); spoken by Michael Caine as Charlie Croker
- 22 When I make a mistake, it's a beaut.
  - **Fiorello H. La Guardia** 1882–1947 American Republican politician: on his appointment of Herbert O'Brien as a judge; William Manners *Patience and Fortitude* (1976)
- 23 No snowflake in an avalanche ever feels responsible.
  - **Stanislaw Lec** 1909–66 Polish writer: *More Unkempt Thoughts* (1968)
- 24 now and then  
there is a person born  
who is so unlucky  
that he runs into accidents  
which started to happen  
to somebody else.
  - **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet and journalist: *archys life of méhitabel* (1933) 'archy says'



- 25 Erratum. In my article on the price of milk, 'horses' should have read 'cows' throughout.  
 ▪ **J. B. Morton** 1893-1975 British journalist: *Sideways Through Borneo* (1937)
- 26 I had never had a piece of toast  
 Particularly long and wide,  
 But fell upon the sanded floor,  
 And always on the buttered side.  
 ▪ **James Payn** 1830-98 English writer: in *Chambers's Journal* 2 February 1884
- 27 I actually slipped on a hamburger in Hamburg once, and almost fell off stage.  
 ▪ **Keith Richards** 1943- English rock musician: *Keith Richards: in His Own Words* (1994)
- 28 a postcard of the Venus de Milo sent to his niece:  
 See what'll happen to you if you don't stop biting your finger-nails.  
 ▪ **Will Rogers** 1879-1935 American actor and humorist: *Bennett Cerf Shake Well Before Using* (1948)
- 29 For Pheasant read Peasant, throughout.  
 ▪ **W. C. Sellar** 1898-1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898-1968: *1066 and All That* (1930); errata
- 30 Well, if I called the wrong number, why did you answer the phone?  
 ▪ **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: cartoon caption in *New Yorker* 5 June 1937
- 31 Wardrobe malfunction.  
*explanation for the exposure of Janet Jackson's right breast on prime time American television during the Super Bowl*  
 ▪ **Justin Timberlake** 1981- American singer: in *Daily Telegraph* 3 February 2004 (online edition)
- 32 MR BINKS: One of my ancestors fell at Waterloo.  
 LADY CLARE: Ah? Which platform?  
 ▪ **F. H. Townsend** 1868-1920 British illustrator: in *Punch* 1 November 1905
- 33 If we had had more time for discussion we should probably have made a great many more mistakes.  
 ▪ **Leon Trotsky** 1879-1940 Russian revolutionary: *My Life* (1930)
- 34 to his troop sergeant after sustaining serious wounds trying to unblock a jammed machine gun:  
 Kiss me, Chudleigh.  
 ▪ **Auberon Waugh** 1939-2001 English writer: anecdote; in *Daily Telegraph* 18 January 2001
- 35 Unseen, in the background, Fate was quietly slipping the lead into the boxing gloves.  
 ▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *Very Good, Jeeves* (1930)
- 36 He felt like a man who, chasing rainbows, has had one of them suddenly turn and bite him in the leg.  
 ▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *Eggs, Beans, and Crumpets* (1940)

## Modern Life

The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win, you're still a rat! **Lily Tomlin**

- 1 What happens when the human body is completely submerged in water? The telephone rings.  
 ▪ **Anonymous**: modern saying
- 2 Facebook is for people who can't face books.  
 ▪ **Madeleine Beard** English writer: said to the Editor
- 3 I don't like little chip and pin machines. I don't like that they tell you what to do. 'Hand me back to the merchant!' like a bossy toddler.  
 ▪ **Russell Brand** 1975- British comedian: attributed
- 4 The other line moves faster...And don't try to change lines. The other line—the



one you were in originally—will then move faster.

*usually quoted as 'The other line always moves faster'*

- **Barbara Ettore** in *Harper's* August 1974
- 5 Change is inevitable—except from a vending machine.
  - **Robert C. Gallagher**: attributed
- 6 I was standing behind a man in Starbucks the other day, he was ordering 'a tall skinny black Americano'. I said, 'What are you ordering, coffee or a President?'
  - **Michael McIntyre** 1976- English comedian: attributed
- 7 Men who blow themselves up are promised 72 virgins in paradise. That's a high price to pay for a shag.
  - **Shazia Mirza** 1976- English comedian: at the Edinburgh Festival, 2006, in *Independent* 26 August 2006
- 8 Starbucks says they are going to start putting religious quotes on cups. The very first one will say, 'Jesus! This cup is expensive!'
  - **Conan O'Brien** 1963- American comedian and broadcaster: attributed
- 9 Why would I tweet when I've not yet

read *The Brothers Karamazov*?

- **Michael Palin** 1953- British comedian and broadcaster: in *Time Out* 5 July 2012
- 10 Somebody just gave me a shower radio. Thanks a lot. Do you really want music in the shower? I guess there's no better place to dance than a slick surface next to a glass door.
  - **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: *Seinlanguage* (1993)
- 11 Now they show you how detergents take out bloodstains, a pretty violent image there. I think if you've got a T-shirt with a bloodstain all over it, maybe laundry isn't your biggest problem. Maybe you should get rid of the body before you do the wash.
  - **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: attributed
- 12 The trouble with the rat race is that even if you win you're still a rat.
  - **Lily Tomlin** 1939- American comedienne and actress: in *People* 26 December 1977
- 13 I'm the modern, intelligent, independent-type woman—in other words, a girl who can't get a man.
  - **Shelley Winters** 1922-2006 American actress: in *Saturday Evening Post* 1952

# Money

see also **DEBT, POVERTY, WEALTH**

*We don't wake up for less than \$10,000 a day.* **Linda Evangelista**

- 1 Money is better than poverty, if only for financial reasons.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: *Without Feathers* (1976) 'Early Essays'
- 2 That money talks  
I'll not deny,  
I heard it once,  
It said goodbye.
  - **Richard Armour** 1906-89 American poet: attributed; L. Dunkling and A. Room *Guinness Book of Money* (1990)
- 3 Money, it turned out, was exactly like  
sex, you thought of nothing else if you didn't have it and thought of other things if you did.
  - **James Baldwin** 1924-87 American novelist and essayist: in *Esquire* May 1961 'Black Boy looks at the White Boy'
- 4 We live by the Golden Rule. Those who have the gold make the rules.
  - **Buzzie Bavasi** 1914-2008 American baseball manager: attributed; A. J. Maikovich and M. D. Brown (eds.) *Sports Quotations* (2000)
- 5 I'm tired of Love: I'm still more tired of Rhyme.



- But Money gives me pleasure all the time.
- **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Fatigued' (1923)
- 6 **HOLDUP MAN:** Quit stalling—I said your money or your life.  
**JACK BENNY:** I'm thinking it over!
- **Jack Benny** 1894-1974 American comedian and actor: one of Jack Benny's most successful gags; Irving Fein *Jack Benny* (1976)
- 7 I live in a two-income household, but who knows how long my mom can keep that up.
- **Shmuel Breban** American comedian: attributed
- 8 I never loved a dear gazelle—  
 Nor anything that cost me much:  
 High prices profit those who sell,  
 But why should I be fond of such?
- **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and logician: 'Tema con Variazioni'
- 9 Saving is a very fine thing. Especially when your parents have done it for you.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: J. A. Sutcliffe (ed.) *The Sayings of Winston Churchill* (1992)
- 10 My rule is, if it flies, floats, or fornicates, rent it. It's cheaper in the long run.
- **Felix Dennis** 1947-2014 English publisher: *How To Get Rich* (2006)
- 11 When you don't have any money, the problem is food. When you have money, it's sex. When you have both it's health.
- **J. P. Donleavy** 1926- Irish-American novelist: *The Ginger Man* (1955)
- 12 We don't wake up for less than \$10,000 a day.  
*of herself and supermodel Christy Turlington; often quoted as, 'I don't get out of bed for less than \$10,000 a day'*
- **Linda Evangelista** 1965- Canadian supermodel: in *Vogue* October 1990
- 13 I want an old-fashioned house  
 With an old-fashioned fence  
 And an old-fashioned millionaire.
- **Marve Fisher** American songwriter: 'An Old-Fashioned Girl' (1954 song)
- 14 A fool and his money are soon parted. What I want to know is how they got together in the first place.
- **Cyril Fletcher** 1913-2005 English comedian: attributed to Fletcher from the late 1960s, but the saying is found earlier
- 15 My main problem is reconciling my gross habits with my net income.
- **Errol Flynn** 1909-59 Australian-born American actor: in *New York Times* 6 March 1955
- 16 A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain.
- **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet: in *Muscatine Journal* 22 August 1961
- 17 Economy was always 'elegant', and money-spending always 'vulgar' and ostentatious—a sort of sour-grapeism, which made us very peaceful and satisfied.
- **Elizabeth Gaskell** 1810-65 English novelist: *Cranford* (1853)
- 18 Money, wife, is the true fuller's earth for reputations, there is not a spot or a stain but what it can take out.
- **John Gay** 1685-1732 English poet and dramatist: *The Beggar's Opera* (1728)
- 19 The shares are a penny, and ever so many are taken by Rothschild and Baring,  
 And just as a few are allotted to you, you awake with a shudder despairing.
- **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: *Iolanthe* (1882)
- 20 *on being told that money doesn't buy happiness:*  
 But it upgrades despair so beautifully.
- **Richard Greenberg** 1958- American dramatist: *Hurrah at Last* (1999)
- 21 Money is what you'd get on beautifully without if only other people weren't so crazy about it.
- **Margaret Case Harriman** American writer: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 22 Insurance is like a pyramid...huge, incomprehensible, hideously expensive, completely unnecessary and designed



- only to be of benefit to you once you're dead
- **Tom Holt** 1961- English novelist: *Djinn Rummy* (1995)
- 23 A bank is a place that will lend you money if you can prove that you don't need it.
- **Bob Hope** 1903-2003 American comedian: Alan Harrington *Life in the Crystal Palace* (1959)
- 24 When a feller says, 'It hain't the money, but th' principle o' th' thing', it's the money.
- **Frank McKinney Hubbard** 1868-1930 American humorist: *Hoss Sense and Nonsense* (1926)
- 25 Nobody works as hard for his money as the man who marries it.
- **Frank McKinney Hubbard** 1868-1930 American humorist: attributed
- 26 Never say you know a man until you have divided an inheritance with him.
- **Johann Kaspar Lavater** 1741-1801 Swiss theologian: *Aphorisms on Man* (1788)
- 27 All I ask is the chance to prove that money can't make me happy.
- **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: attributed
- 28 Money is like manure. If you spread it around it does a lot of good, but if you pile it up in one place it stinks like hell.
- **Clint Murchison** 1923-87 American businessman: attributed
- 29 I finally know what distinguishes man from the other beasts: financial worries.
- **Jules Renard** 1864-1910 French novelist and dramatist: attributed
- 30 'My boy,' he says, 'always try to rub up against money, for if you rub up against money long enough, some of it may rub off on you.'
- **Damon Runyon** 1884-1946 American writer: in *Cosmopolitan* August 1929, 'A Very Honourable Guy'
- 31 I'm living so far beyond my income that we may also be said to be living apart.
- **Saki** 1870-1916 Scottish writer: *The Unbearable Bassington* (1912)
- 32 I do want to get rich but I never want to do what there is to do to get rich.
- **Gertrude Stein** 1874-1946 American writer: *Everybody's Autobiography*
- 33 *on being asked what Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead was about:* It's about to make me very rich.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: attributed; in *Daily Telegraph* 27 February 1999
- 34 Money talks, but credit has an echo.
- **Bob Thaves** 1924-2006 American cartoonist: attributed
- 35 Pennies don't fall from heaven. They have to be earned on earth.
- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925-2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in *Observer* 18 November 1979 'Sayings of the Week'
- 36 Money won't buy happiness, but it will pay the salaries of a large research staff to study the problem.
- **Bill Vaughan**: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)



# Morality

see also **VIRTUE**

Throwing acid is wrong—in some people's eyes. **Jimmy Carr**

- 1 Guilt: the gift that keeps on giving.
  - **Erma Bombeck** 1927–96 American humorist: attributed
- 2 Throwing acid is wrong—in some people's eyes.
  - **Jimmy Carr** 1972– Irish comedian: in *Guardian* 19 August 2002
- 3 A woman can look both moral and exciting—if she also looks as if it was quite a struggle.
  - **Edna Ferber** 1887–1968 American writer: in *Reader's Digest* December 1954
- 4 To be absolutely honest, what I feel really bad about is that I don't feel worse. That's the ineffectual liberal's problem in a nutshell.
  - **Michael Frayn** 1933– English writer: in *Observer* 8 August 1965
- 5 When it comes to the morality of our ancestors, none of us can boast much; the records do not show that Adam and Eve were married.
  - **E. W. Howe** 1853–1937 American novelist and editor: *Country Town Sayings* (1911)
- 6 We know no spectacle so ridiculous as the British public in one of its periodical fits of morality.
  - **Lord Macaulay** 1800–59 English politician and historian: *Essays Contributed to the Edinburgh Review* (1843)
- 7 If people want a sense of purpose, they should get it from their archbishops. They should not hope to receive it from their politicians.
  - **Harold Macmillan** 1894–1986 British Conservative statesman: in conversation 1963; Henry Fairlie *The Life of Politics* (1968)
- 8 Those are my principles, and if you don't like them...well, I have others.
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890–1977 American film comedian: widely attributed, but probably apocryphal
- 9 Being moral isn't what you *do*...it's what you *mean* to do.
  - **Bette Midler** 1945– American actress: *A View from a Broad* (1980)
- 10 I think fidelity is a very good idea—now that I can't walk.
  - **John Mortimer** 1923–2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: in *Mail on Sunday* 4 January 2004 'Quotes of the Year'
- 11 That woman speaks eighteen languages, and can't say No in any of them.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: Alexander Woollcott *While Rome Burns* (1934)
- 12 And there was that wholesale libel on a Yale prom. If all the girls attending it were laid end to end, Mrs Parker said, she wouldn't be at all surprised.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: Alexander Woollcott *While Rome Burns* (1934)
- 13 I'm very mild, I'm very meek, My will is strong, but my won't is weak.
  - **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: 'Don't Look at Me That Way' (*Paris*, 1928 musical)
- 14 Dost thou think, because thou art virtuous, there shall be no more cakes and ale?
  - **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *Twelfth Night* (1601)
- 15 When a stupid man is doing something he is ashamed of, he always declares that it is his duty.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Caesar and Cleopatra* (1901)
- 16 PICKERING: Have you no morals, man? DOOLITTLE: Can't afford them, Governor.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Pygmalion* (1916)



- 17 If your morals make you dreary, depend upon it they are wrong.  
 ▪ **Robert Louis Stevenson** 1850-94 Scottish novelist: *Across the Plains* (1892)
- 18 **BELINDA:** Ay, but you know we must return good for evil.  
**LADY BRUTE:** That may be a mistake in the translation.  
 ▪ **John Vanbrugh** 1664-1726 English architect and dramatist: *The Provoked Wife* (1697)
- 19 Moral indignation is jealousy with a halo.  
 ▪ **H. G. Wells** 1866-1946 English novelist: *The Wife of Sir Isaac Harman* (1914)
- 20 On an occasion of this kind it becomes more than a moral duty to speak one's mind. It becomes a pleasure.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 21 A Tory minister can sleep in ten different women's beds in a week. A Labour minister gets it in the neck if he looks at his neighbour's wife over the garden fence.  
 ▪ **Harold Wilson** 1916-95 British Labour statesman: *Memoirs* (1986)

## Mothers

My mother had a good deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.

**Mark Twain**

- 1 When your mother asks, 'Do you want a piece of advice?' it's a mere formality. It doesn't matter if you answer yes or no. You're going to get it anyway.  
 ▪ **Erma Bombeck** 1927-96 American humorist: attributed
- 2 Any suburban mother can state her role sardonically enough in a sentence: it is to deliver children obstetrically once and by car forever after.  
 ▪ **Peter De Vries** 1910-93 American novelist and humorist: in *Life* 24 December 1956
- 3 Few misfortunes can befall a boy which bring worse consequences than to have a really affectionate mother.  
 ▪ **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949), written in 1896
- 4 I really am a mother's boy. I adore her and she adores me. She's not just proud of me—she faints when she sees me. She gets hysterical. If she were here now she'd want me to sit on her knee.  
 ▪ **Omar Sharif** 1932- Egyptian-born actor: in *Times* 11 July 1983
- 5 My mother had a good deal of trouble with me, but I think she enjoyed it.  
 ▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Autobiography* (1924)

## Movies see CINEMA



# Murder

English law does not permit good persons, as such, to strangle bad persons, as such. **T. H. Huxley**

- 1 Lizzie Borden took an axe  
And gave her mother forty whacks;  
When she saw what she had done  
She gave her father forty-one!  
▪ **Anonymous:** popular rhyme in circulation after the acquittal of Lizzie Borden, in June 1893, from the charge of murdering her father and stepmother at Fall River, Massachusetts on 4 August 1892
- 2 You can't chop your poppa up in  
Massachusetts,  
Not even if it's planned as a surprise  
No you can't chop your poppa up in  
Massachusetts  
You know how neighbours love to  
criticize.  
▪ **Michael Brown:** 'Lizzie Borden' (1952)
- 3 Every murderer is probably somebody's  
old friend.  
▪ **Agatha Christie** 1890-1976 English writer:  
*The Mysterious Affair at Styles* (1920)
- 4 I married many men,  
A ton of them,  
And yet I was untrue to none of them  
Because I bumped off ev'ry one of  
them  
To keep my love alive.  
▪ **Lorenz Hart** 1895-1943 American  
songwriter: 'To Keep My Love Alive' (1943)
- 5 Television has brought back murder  
into the home—where it belongs.  
▪ **Alfred Hitchcock** 1899-1980 British-born  
film director: in *Observer* 19 December 1965
- 6 English law does not permit good  
persons, as such, to strangle bad  
persons, as such.  
▪ **T. H. Huxley** 1825-95 English biologist: letter  
in *Pall Mall Gazette*, 31 October 1866
- 7 The National Rifle Association says  
guns don't kill people, people do. But  
I think the gun helps. Just standing  
there, going 'Bang!'—that's not going  
to kill too many people.  
▪ **Eddie Izzard** 1962- British comedian:  
*Dress to Kill* (stageshow, San Francisco,  
1998)
- 8 You can always count on a murderer for  
a fancy prose style.  
▪ **Vladimir Nabokov** 1899-1977 Russian  
novelist: *Lolita* (1955)
- 9 *Julius Caesar of his assassins:*  
Infamy, infamy, they've all got it in for  
me!  
▪ **Talbot Rothwell** 1916-74 English  
screenwriter: *Carry on, Cleo* (1964), spoken  
by Kenneth Williams; according to Frank  
Muir's letter to the *Guardian*, 22 July 1995,  
the line had actually been written by him  
and Denis Norden for a radio sketch for  
'Take It From Here', and was later used by  
Rothwell with their permission
- 10 *justification for poisoning his sister-in-law:*  
She had very thick ankles.  
▪ **Thomas Griffiths Wainewright** 1794-1852  
English artist: in *Dictionary of National  
Biography* (1917- )



# Music

see also **MUSICIANS, OPERA, SONGS**

Wagner has lovely moments but awful quarters of an hour. **Gioacchino Rossini**

- 1 Whenever I don't know what to write about, I just close my eyes and think of Essex.
  - **Damon Albarn** 1968– English musician: attributed
- 2 I can't listen to too much Wagner, ya know? I start to get the urge to conquer Poland.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Manhattan Murder Mystery* (1998 film)
- 3 Writing about music is like dancing about architecture.
 

*also found in the form 'Talking about music...'*

  - **Anonymous**: attributed to Elvis Costello, David Bowie, Frank Zappa, and many others, but of unknown origin
- 4 All music is folk music, I ain't never heard no horse sing a song.
  - **Louis Armstrong** 1901–71 American singer and jazz musician: in *New York Times* 7 July 1971
- 5 *when asked what jazz is:*  
If you still have to ask...shame on you.
  - **Louis Armstrong** 1901–71 American singer and jazz musician: Max Jones et al. *Salute to Satchmo* (1970) (sometimes quoted 'Man, if you gotta ask you'll never know')
- 6 There is nothing to it. You only have to hit the right notes at the right time and the instrument plays itself.
 

*when complimented on his organ playing*

  - **Johann Sebastian Bach** 1685–1750 German composer: K. Geiringer *The Bach Family* (1954)
- 7 I love Wagner, but the music I prefer is that of a cat hung up by its tail outside a window and trying to stick to the panes of glass with its claws.
  - **Charles Baudelaire** 1821–67 French poet and critic: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 8 What can you do with it? It's like a lot of yaks jumping about.
 

*on the third movement of Beethoven's Seventh Symphony*

  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: Harold Atkins and Archie Newman *Beecham Stories* (1978)
- 9 The musical equivalent of the Towers of St Pancras Station.
  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: describing Elgar's 1st Symphony; Neville Cardus *Sir Thomas Beecham* (1961)
- 10 There are two golden rules for an orchestra: start together and finish together. The public doesn't give a damn what goes on in between.
  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: Harold Atkins and Archie Newman *Beecham Stories* (1978)
- 11 [The piano is] a parlour utensil for subduing the impenitent visitor. It is operated by depressing the keys of the machine and the spirits of the audience.
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary* (1967)
- 12 **ANDRÉ PREVIN**: You're playing all the wrong notes.  
**ERIC MORECAMBE**: I'm playing all the right notes. But not necessarily in the right order.
 

*playing the Grieg Piano Concerto*

  - **Eddie Braben** 1930–2013 English comedy writer: *The Morecambe and Wise Show* BBC TV 25 December 1971
- 13 Extraordinary how potent cheap music is.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *Private Lives* (1930)
- 14 The tuba is certainly the most intestinal of instruments—the very lower bowel of music.
  - **Peter De Vries** 1910–93 American novelist: *The Glory of the Hummingbird* (1974)



- 15 I don't like composers who think. It gets in the way of their plagiarism.
  - **Howard Dietz** 1896-1983 American songwriter: *Dancing in the Dark* (1974)
- 16 I hate music, especially when it's played.
  - **Jimmy Durante** 1893-1980 American comedian and singer: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 17 Playing 'Bop' is like scrabble with all the vowels missing.
  - **Duke Ellington** 1899-1974 American jazz pianist, composer, and band-leader: in *Look* 10 August 1954
- 18 *message sent after the Grenadier Guards had played an arrangement of Richard Strauss' Elektra:*  
His Majesty does not know what the Band has just played, but it is *never* to be played again.
  - **George V** 1865-1936 British king: Osbert Sitwell *Left Hand, Right Hand* (1945)
- 19 I only know two tunes. One of them is 'Yankee Doodle' and the other isn't.
  - **Ulysses S. Grant** 1822-85 American Unionist general and statesman: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 20 Music helps not the toothache.
  - **George Herbert** 1593-1633 English poet and clergyman: *Outlandish Proverbs* (1640)
- 21 Classic music is th'kind that we keep thinkin'll turn into a tune.
  - **Frank McKinney Hubbard** 1868-1930 American humorist: *Comments of Abe Martin and His Neighbors* (1923)
- 22 *on the performance of a celebrated violinist:*  
Difficult do you call it, Sir? I wish it were impossible.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: William Seward *Supplement to the Anecdotes of Distinguished Persons* (1797)
- 23 HAMMERSTEIN: Here is a story laid in China about an Italian told by an Irishman. What kind of music are you going to write?  
KERN: It'll be good Jewish music.  
*in the 1930s, discussing with Oscar Hammerstein II a musical to be based on*
  - Donn Byrne's novel Messer Marco Polo*
  - **Jerome Kern** 1885-1945 American composer: Gerald Bordman *Jerome Kern* (1980)
- 24 I don't like jazz. When I hear jazz, it's as if I had gas on the stomach. I used to think it was static when I heard it on the radio.
  - **Nikita Khrushchev** 1894-1971 Soviet statesman: in *Encounter* April 1963
- 25 A carpenter's hammer, in a warm summer noon, will fret me into more than midsummer madness. But those unconnected, unset sounds are nothing to the measured malice of music.
  - **Charles Lamb** 1775-1834 English writer: *Elia* (1823)
- 26 *to another musician:*  
Very well, my dear. You continue to play Bach your way and I'll continue to play him *his* way.
  - **Wanda Landowska** 1877-1959 Polish-born American pianist and harpsichordist: Harold C. Schonberg *The Great Pianists* (1963)
- 27 A squeak's heard in the orchestra  
The leader draws across  
The intestines of the agile cat  
The tail of the noble hoss.
  - **G. T. Lanigan** 1845-86: *The Amateur Orlando* (1875)
- 28 If I play Tchaikovsky I play his melodies and skip his spiritual struggles...If there's any time left over I fill in with a lot of runs up and down the keyboard.
  - **Liberace** 1919-87 American showman: Stuart Hall and Paddy Whannel (eds.) *The Popular Arts* (1964)
- 29 I don't like my music, but what is my opinion against that of millions of others.
  - **Frederick Loewe** 1904-88 American composer: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 30 *on seeing Niagara Falls:*  
Fortissimo at last!
  - **Gustav Mahler** 1860-1911 Austrian composer: K. Blaukopf *Gustav Mahler* (1973)
- 31 If you're in jazz and more than ten



- people like you, you're labelled commercial.
- **Herbie Mann** 1930– American jazz musician: *Henry Pleasants Serious Music and all that Jazz!* (1969)
- 32 *lead singer of Coldplay:*  
I know you think we just sit and count money, but sometimes we do other things, like teach the drummer to play piano.
- **Chris Martin** 1977– English musician: in *Sunday Times* 12 June 2005
- 33 I don't like country music, but I don't mean to denigrate those who do. And for the people who like country music, denigrate means 'put down'.
- **Bob Newhart** 1929– American comedian: attributed
- 34 If I had the power, I would insist on all oratorios being sung in the costume of the period—with a possible exception in the case of *The Creation*.
- **Ernest Newman** 1868–1959 English music critic: in *New York Post* 1924; Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 35 I have been told that Wagner's music is better than it sounds.
- **Bill Nye** 1850–96 American humorist: *Mark Twain Autobiography* (1924)
- 36 *the hypocritical Quaker, Ephraim Smooth, hears violin music:*  
I must shut my ears. The man of sin rubbeth the hair of the horse to the bowels of the cat.
- **John O'Keeffe** 1747–1833 Irish dramatist: *Wild Oats* (1791)
- 37 I am afraid that all musical instruments are incredibly expensive to repair, with the possible exception of the triangle.
- **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Maskerade* (1995)
- 38 If anyone has conducted a Beethoven performance, and then doesn't have to go to an osteopath, then there's something wrong.
- **Simon Rattle** 1955– English conductor: in *Guardian* 31 May 1990
- 39 Of course we've all *dreamed* of reviving the *castrati*; but it's needed Hilda to take the first practical steps towards making them a reality...She's drawn up a list of well-known singers who she thinks would benefit...It's only a question of getting them to agree.
- **Henry Reed** 1914–86 English poet and dramatist: *Private Life of Hilda Tablet* (1954)
- 40 To the social-minded, a definition for Concert is: that which surrounds an intermission.
- **Ned Rorem** 1923– American composer: *The Final Diary* (1974)
- 41 Wagner has lovely moments but awful quarters of an hour.
- **Gioacchino Rossini** 1792–1868 Italian composer: to Emile Naumann, April 1867
- 42 Applause is a receipt, not a note of demand.
- **Artur Schnabel** 1882–1951 Austrian-born pianist: in *Saturday Review of Literature* 29 September 1951
- 43 You are there and I am here; but where is Beethoven?
- to his conductor during a Beethoven rehearsal*
- **Artur Schnabel** 1882–1951 Austrian-born pianist: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 44 I am delighted to add another unplayable work to the repertoire. I want the Concerto to be difficult and I want the little finger to become longer. I can wait.
- of his Violin Concerto*
- **Arnold Schoenberg** 1874–1951 Austrian-born American composer: Joseph Machlis *Introduction to Contemporary Music* (1963)
- 45 *of the piano:*  
A large, rectangular monster that screams when you touch its teeth.
- **Andrés Segovia** 1893–1987 Spanish guitarist: in *Washington Post* 2 March 1980
- 46 I have a reasonable good ear in music: let us have the tongs and the bones.
- **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1595–6)
- 47 Hell is full of musical amateurs: music is the brandy of the damned.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)



- 48 If one will only take the precaution to go in long enough after it commences and to come out long before it is over you will not find it wearisome.  
*of Gounod's La Rédemption*  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: in *The World* 22 February 1893
- 49 I play all my country and western music backwards. Your lover returns, your dog comes back to life and you cease to be an alcoholic.  
▪ **Linda Smith** 1958-2006 British comedian: in *Daily Telegraph* (obituary), 1 March 2006
- 50 I would like to thank Beethoven, Brahms, Wagner, Strauss, Rimsky-Korsakov.  
▪ **Dmitri Tiomkin** 1899-1979 Russian-born composer: Oscar acceptance speech for the score of *The High and the Mighty* in 1955; Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 51 I assure you that the typewriting machine, when played with expression, is not more annoying than the piano when played by a sister or near relation.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: letter to Robert Ross from Reading Prison, 1 April 1897
- 52 Musical people are so absurdly unreasonable. They always want one to be perfectly dumb at the very moment when one is longing to be absolutely deaf.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)
- 53 You have Van Gogh's ear for music.  
▪ **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: to actor Cliff Ormand, Tom Wood *The Bright Side of Billy Wilder, Primarily* (1970)
- 54 He reminds us how cheap potent music can be.  
*of the popular pianist Richard Clayderman*  
▪ **Richard Williams**: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984); see **music** 13

## Musicians

see also **MUSIC**

Please do not shoot the pianist. He is doing his best. **Anonymous**

- 1 The music teacher came twice each week to bridge the awful gap between Dorothy and Chopin.  
▪ **George Ade** 1866-1944 American humorist and dramatist: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 2 I prefer to face the wrath of the police than the wrath of Sir John Barbirolli.  
*a member of the Hallé orchestra on a speeding charge*  
▪ **Anonymous**: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 3 *printed notice in an American dancing saloon:*  
Please do not shoot the pianist. He is doing his best.  
▪ **Anonymous**: Oscar Wilde *Impressions of America 'Leadville'* (c.1882-3)
- 4 A musicologist is a man who can read music but can't hear it.  
▪ **Thomas Beecham** 1879-1961 English conductor: H. Proctor-Gregg *Beecham Remembered* (1976)
- 5 Why do we have to have all these third-rate foreign conductors around—when we have so many second-rate ones of our own?  
▪ **Thomas Beecham** 1879-1961 English conductor: L. Ayre *Wit of Music* (1966)
- 6 No wonder Bob Geldof is such an expert on famine. He's been feeding off 'I Don't Like Mondays' for 30 years.  
▪ **Russell Brand** 1975- British comedian: at the Edinburgh Festival, 2006, in *Independent* 26 August 2006



- 7 JOURNALIST: Why do you continue to practise the cello for several hours each day?  
CASALS (AGED OVER 90): Because I think I'm improving.  
▪ **Pablo Casals** 1876-1973 Spanish cellist: attributed
- 8 Tchaikovsky thought of committing suicide for fear of being discovered as a homosexual, but today, if you are a composer and *not* homosexual, you might as well put a bullet through your head.  
▪ **Sergei Diaghilev** 1872-1929 Russian ballet impresario: Vernon Duke *Listen Here!* (1963)
- 9 Everybody told me you can't get far On thirty-seven dollars and a Jap guitar.  
▪ **Steve Earle** 1954- American singer and songwriter: 'Guitar Town' (1986 song)
- 10 QUESTION: Mr. Sullivan's music... reminds me so much of dear Baytch [Bach]. Do tell me: what is Baytch doing just now? Is he still composing?  
ANSWER: Just now, as a matter of fact, dear Baytch is by way of decomposing.  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: Hesketh Pearson *Gilbert and Sullivan* (1947)
- 11 QUESTION: Do you play the guitar with your teeth?  
HENDRIX: No, with my ears.  
▪ **Jimi Hendrix** 1942-70 American rock musician: in *International Times* 2-15 February 1968
- 12 There is no doubt that the first requirement for a composer is to be dead.  
▪ **Arthur Honegger** 1892-1955 Swiss composer: *Je suis compositeur* (1951)
- 13 ANONYMOUS: Is Ringo the best drummer in the world?  
JOHN LENNON: He's not even the best drummer in the band.  
▪ **John Lennon** 1940-80 English pop singer and songwriter: attributed
- 14 In the 1960s, the record companies seemed to sign anything with long hair; if it was a sheepdog, so what.  
▪ **Nick Mason** 1944- English drummer: N. Shaffner *A Saucerful of Secrets: the Pink Floyd Odyssey* (1991)
- 15 on Stravinsky's *Symphony of Wind Instruments in memory of Debussy*: I had no idea Stravinsky disliked Debussy so much as this.  
▪ **Ernest Newman** 1868-1959 English music critic: in *Musical Times* 1921
- 16 I'm told that Saint-Saëns has informed a delighted public that since the war began he has composed music for the stage, melodies, an elegy and a piece for the trombone. If he'd been making shell-cases instead it might have been all the better for music.  
▪ **Maurice Ravel** 1875-1937 French composer: letter to Jean Marnold, 7 October 1916
- 17 asked how he could play so well when he was loaded:  
I practise when I'm loaded.  
▪ **Zoot Sims** 1925-85 American jazz musician: Bill Crow *Jazz Anecdotes* (1990)
- 18 'What do you think of Beethoven?'  
'I love him, especially his poems.'  
▪ **Ringo Starr** 1940- English rock musician: at a press conference during the Beatles' first American tour in 1964; Hunter Davies *The Beatles* (1985)
- 19 On matters of intonation and technicalities I am more than a martinet—I am a martinetissimo!  
▪ **Leopold Stokowski** 1882-1977 English-born American conductor: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 20 After I die, I shall return to earth as the doorkeeper of a bordello and I won't let one of you in.  
to his orchestra during a difficult rehearsal  
▪ **Arturo Toscanini** 1867-1957 Italian conductor: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)



# Names

Every Tom, Dick and Harry is called Arthur.

**Sam Goldwyn**

- 1 I never really needed a nickname at school. Although it was bad for me it was much worse for my sister Ophelia.
  - **Ed Balls** 1967- British Labour politician: in *Independent* 24 September 2007
- 2 of *Arianna Stassinopoulos*:  
So boring you fall asleep halfway through her name.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: attributed; in *Observer* 18 September 1983
- 3 fashionable children's names of which *Camden* disapproved:  
The new names, Free-gift, Reformation, Earth, Dust, Ashes...which have lately been given by some to their children.
  - **William Camden** 1551-1623 English antiquary: *Remains* (1605)
- 4 of *Alfred Bossom*:  
Who is this man whose name is neither one thing nor the other?
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: attributed
- 5 If you don't give your child a middle name, how are they ever to know when you are cross with them?
  - **Vivienne Clore** British showbusiness agent: in *Mail on Sunday* 24 February 2013
- 6 nickname for *Cecil Beaton*:  
*Malice in Wonderland*.
  - **Jean Cocteau** 1889-1963 French dramatist and film director: attributed; Hugo Young in *Guardian* 24 January 2004
- 7 *Rip-Van-With-It*.  
nickname for *Cecil Beaton*
  - **Cyril Connolly** 1903-74 English writer: Hugo Vickers (ed.) *The Unexpurgated Beaton* (2002)
- 8 One theory is that I was named after the opera and the other that my mum was sitting in her boudoir wondering what to call me and glanced at her Carmen rollers. I prefer the Bizet theory.
  - **Carmen Ejogo** 1974- British actress: in *Observer* 26 March 2000 'They said what...?'
- 9 on *J. P. Horrocks-Taylor's* slipping *Mick English's* rugby tackle to score:  
Horrocks went one way, Taylor went the other, and I was left holding his bloody hyphen.
  - **Mick English** d. 2010 Irish rugby player: in *Sunday Times* 2 September 1990
- 10 Colin is the sort of name you give your goldfish for a joke.
  - **Colin Firth** 1960- British actor: in *Observer* 1 September 2002
- 11 to *Arthur Hornblow*, who was planning to name his son *Arthur*:  
Every Tom, Dick and Harry is called Arthur.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Michael Freedland *The Goldwyn Touch* (1986)
- 12 comment at a Test Match as *Michael Holding* faced *Peter Willey*:  
The batsman's Holding, the bowler's Willey.
  - **Brian Johnston** 1912-94 British cricket commentator: attributed
- 13 In the last Parliament, the House of Commons had more MPs called John than all the women MPs put together.
  - **Tessa Jowell** 1947- British Labour politician: in *Independent on Sunday* 14 March 1999 'Quotes'
- 14 One day I'll be famous! I'll be proper and prim;  
Go to St James so often I will call it St Jim!
  - **Alan Jay Lerner** 1918-86 American songwriter: 'Just You Wait' (*My Fair Lady*, 1956 musical)
- 15 when asked if *Groucho* were his real name: No, I'm breaking it in for a friend.
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: attributed



- 16 *on why she had named her canary 'Onan':*  
Because he spills his seed on the ground.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: John Keats *You Might as Well Live*
- 17 But I must not go on singling out names. One must not be a name-dropper, as Her Majesty remarked to me yesterday.  
▪ **Lord St John of Fawsley** 1929-2012 British Conservative politician: speech, 20 June 1979
- 18 *wondering why, since he was Irish, he was not O'Sheridan:*  
For in truth we owe everybody.  
▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: Walter Jerrold *Bon-Mots* (1893)
- 19 I remember your name perfectly; but I just can't think of your face.  
▪ **William Archibald Spooner** 1844-1930 English clergyman and academic: attributed; in *Penguin Dictionary of Quotations* (1960)
- 20 *on being asked by William Carlos Williams how he had chosen the name 'West':*  
Horace Greeley said, 'Go West, young man.' So I did.  
*West was born Nathan von Wallenstein Weinstein*  
▪ **Nathanael West** 1903-40 American writer: Jay Martin *Nathanael West* (1970)
- 21 A good name will wear out; a bad one may be turned; a nickname lasts forever.  
▪ **Johann Georg Zimmerman** 1728-95 Swiss physician and writer: attributed

## Nature and the Country

Anybody can be good in the country. **Oscar Wilde**

- 1 I am at two with nature.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: attributed; Bill Adler and Jerry Feinman *Woody Allen: Clown Prince of American Humour* (1976)
- 2 Pollution: cirrhosis of the river.  
▪ **Anonymous**: saying
- 3 Hedgehogs—why can't they just share the hedge?  
▪ **Dan Antopolski** 1972- English comedian: voted the funniest joke at the 2009 Edinburgh Festival; in *Sunday Times* 30 August 2009
- 4 The tree which moves some to tears of joy is in the eyes of others only a green thing that stands in the way.  
▪ **William Blake** 1757-1827 English poet: letter to Rev. Dr Trusler, 23 August 1799
- 5 I'm proud of George. He's learned a lot about ranching since that first year when he tried to milk the horse. What's worse, it was a male horse.  
▪ **Laura Bush** 1946- American First Lady: White House Correspondents' Association dinner, 30 April 2005
- 6 He likes the country, but in truth must own,  
Most likes it, when he studies it in town.  
▪ **William Cowper** 1731-1800 English poet: 'Retirement' (1782)
- 7 God made the country, and man made the town.  
▪ **William Cowper** 1731-1800 English poet: *The Task* (1785)
- 8 Worms have played a more important part in the history of the world than most persons would at first suppose.  
▪ **Charles Darwin** 1809-82 English natural historian: *The Formation of Vegetable Mould through the Action of Worms* (1881)
- 9 A weekend in the country—  
Trees in the orchard call.  
When you've examined one tree,  
Then you've examined them all.  
▪ **Ira Gershwin** 1896-1983 American songwriter: 'A Weekend in the Country' (*The Barkleys of Broadway*, 1949 film)
- 10 June is bustin' out all over  
The sheep aren't sleepin' any more!  
All the rams that chase the ewe sheep



- Are determined there'll be new sheep  
And the ewe sheep aren't even keepin'  
score!
- **Oscar Hammerstein II** 1895-1960  
American songwriter: 'June is Bustin' Out  
All Over' (1945)
- 11 There is nothing good to be had in the  
country, or if there is, they will not let  
you have it.
- **William Hazlitt** 1778-1830 English essayist:  
*The Round Table* (1817)
- 12 The Pacific Ocean was a body of water  
surrounded on all sides by elephantiasis  
and other dread diseases.
- **Joseph Heller** 1923-99 American novelist:  
*Catch-22* (1961)
- 13 The Farmer will never be happy again;  
He carries his heart in his boots;  
For either the rain is destroying his  
grain  
Or the drought is destroying his roots.
- **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and  
humorist: 'The Farmer' (1922)
- 14 *a London clubman's view of the country:*  
A damp sort of place where all sorts of  
birds fly about uncooked.
- **Joseph Wood Krutch** 1893-1970 American  
critic and naturalist: *The Twelve Seasons* (1949)
- 15 There is nothing so desperately  
monotonous as the sea, and I no longer  
wonder at the cruelty of pirates.
- **James Russell Lowell** 1819-91 American  
poet: *Fireside Travels* (1884) 'At Sea'
- 16 So that's what hay looks like.  
*said at Badminton House, where she was  
evacuated during the Second World War*
- **Queen Mary** 1867-1953 British Queen  
Consort: James Pope-Hennessy *Life of  
Queen Mary* (1959)
- 17 It is no good putting up notices saying  
'Beware of the bull' because very rude  
things are sometimes written on them.  
I have found that one of the most effective  
notices is 'Beware of the Agapanthus'.
- **Lord Massereene and Ferrard** 1914-93:  
speech on the Wildlife and Countryside  
Bill, House of Lords 16 December 1980
- 18 A farm is an irregular patch of  
nettles bounded by short-term notes,  
containing a fool and his wife who  
didn't know enough to stay in the city.
- **S. J. Perelman** 1904-79 American humorist:  
*The Most of S. J. Perelman* (1959) 'Acres and  
Pains'
- 19 I have no relish for the country; it is a  
kind of healthy grave.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman  
and essayist: letter to Miss G. Harcourt,  
1838
- 20 A weekend in the country  
With the panting  
And the yawns  
With the crickets and the pheasants  
And the orchards and the hay,  
With the servants and the peasants,  
We'll be laying our plans  
While we're playing croquet  
For a weekend in the country  
So inactive one has to lie down.  
A weekend in the country  
Where we're twice as upset  
As in town.
- **Stephen Sondheim** 1930- American  
songwriter: 'A Weekend in the Country'  
(1972)
- 21 Anybody can be good in the country.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and  
poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)
- 22 What do we see at once but a little  
robin! There is no need to burst  
into tears fotherington-tomas swete  
tho he be. Nor to buzz a brick at it,  
molesworth 2.  
*a nature walk at St Custards*
- **Geoffrey Willans** 1911-58 and **Ronald  
Searle** 1920-2011: *Down with Skool!* (1953)
- 23 **BRICK:** Well, they say nature hates a  
vacuum, Big Daddy.  
**BIG DADDY:** That's what they say, but  
sometimes I think that a vacuum is a  
hell of a lot better than some of the  
stuff that nature replaces it with.
- **Tennessee Williams** 1911-83 American  
dramatist: *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* (1955)



# Newspapers and Journalism

Journalism could be described as turning one's enemies into money.

**Craig Brown**

- 1 to Nicholas Phipps, who had announced that he was an efficient hack rather than a creative writer:  
Creative writers are two a penny.  
Efficient hacks are very rare.
  - **Lord Beaverbrook** 1879-1964 Canadian-born British newspaper proprietor and Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 17 July 2004 (obituary of Nicholas Phipps)
- 2 I read the newspapers avidly. It is my one form of continuous fiction.
  - **Aneurin Bevan** 1897-1960 British Labour politician: in *Times* 29 March 1960
- 3 When a dog bites a man, that is not news, because it happens so often. But if a man bites a dog, that is news.
  - **John B. Bogart** 1848-1921 American journalist: F. M. O'Brien *The Story of the [New York] Sun* (1918); often attributed to Charles A. Dana
- 4 on being asked whether George Mair had been a fastidious journalist:  
He once telephoned a semicolon from Moscow.
  - **James Bone** 1872-1962 British journalist: James Agate diary, 31 October 1935
- 5 Journalism could be described as turning one's enemies into money.
  - **Craig Brown** 1957- British satirist: in *Daily Telegraph* 28 September 1990
- 6 I've been watching the TV News for forty years. It hasn't got any better.
  - **Michele Brown** 1947- British writer and publisher: attributed
- 7 A would-be satirist, a hired buffoon,  
A monthly scribbler of some low lampoon,  
Condemned to drudge, the meanest of the mean,  
And furbish falsehoods for a magazine.  
*of journalists*
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: 'English Bards and Scotch Reviewers' (1809)
- 8 More than one newspaper has been ruined by the brilliant writer in the editor's chair.
  - **Lord Camrose** 1879-1954 British newspaper proprietor: Leonard Russell et al. *The Pearl of Days: An Intimate Memoir of the Sunday Times* (1972)
- 9 Let's face it, sports writers, we're not hanging around with brain surgeons.
  - **Jimmy Cannon** 1910-73 American journalist: attributed
- 10 When seagulls follow a trawler, it is because they think sardines will be thrown into the sea.
  - **Eric Cantona** 1966- French footballer: at the end of a press conference, 31 March 1995
- 11 Journalism largely consists in saying 'Lord Jones Dead' to people who never knew that Lord Jones was alive.
  - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: *Wisdom of Father Brown* (1914)
- 12 You are misunderstood, maligned, viewed by the press as a Pulitzer Prize ready to be won.  
*on the problems of investigative journalism for politicians*
  - **Lawton Chiles** 1930-98 American Democratic politician: in *St Petersburg (Florida) Times* 6 March 1991
- 13 The first law of journalism—to confirm existing prejudice rather than contradict it.
  - **Alexander Cockburn** 1941-2012 Irish-born American journalist: in 1974; Jonathon Green *Says Who?* (1988)
- 14 We have a saying in Fleet Street: the editor who writes for his own newspaper has a fool for a contributor.
  - **Bill Deedes** 1913-2007 British journalist and Conservative politician: in *Hansard* (1957)



- 15 Everything is copy.
  - **Phoebe Ephron** 1914-71 American writer: Nora Ephron *I Feel Bad About My Neck* (2008)
- 16 If you can't get a job as a pianist in a brothel you become a royal reporter.
  - **Max Hastings** 1945- British journalist and historian: in *Daily Express* 9 June 1992
- 17 Editor: a person employed by a newspaper, whose business it is to separate the wheat from the chaff, and to see that the chaff is printed.
  - **Elbert Hubbard** 1859-1915 American writer: *The Roycroft Dictionary* (1914)
- 18 Like a Goth swaggering around Rome wearing an onyx toilet seat for a collar, he exudes self-confidence.  
*of Rupert Murdoch*
  - **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: in *Observer* 16 October 1989
- 19 To rinse the gutters of public life you need a gutter press.
  - **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: in *Spectator* 3 November 2012
- 20 Power without responsibility: the prerogative of the harlot throughout the ages.  
*summing up the view of Lord Beaverbrook, who had said to Kipling: 'What I want is power. Kiss 'em one day and kick 'em the next'; Stanley Baldwin, Kipling's cousin, subsequently obtained permission to use the phrase in a speech in London on 18 March 1931*
  - **Rudyard Kipling** 1865-1936 English writer and poet: in *Kipling Journal* December 1971
- 21 A newspaper which weighs as much as the *Oxford Dictionary of Quotations* and a very large haddock.  
*of the Sunday edition of the New York Times*
  - **Bernard Levin** 1928-2004 British journalist: *In These Times* (1986)
- 22 I think it well to remember that, when writing for the newspapers, we are writing for an elderly lady in Hastings who has two cats of which she is passionately fond. Unless our stuff can successfully compete for her interest with those cats, it is no good.
  - **Willmott Lewis** 1877-1950 British journalist: Claud Cockburn *In Time of Trouble* (1957)
- 23 The British Press is always looking for stuff to fill the space between their cartoons.
  - **Bernadette Devlin McAliskey** 1947- Northern Irish politician: comment, 1970
- 24 You should always believe all you read in the newspapers, as this makes them more interesting.
  - **Rose Macaulay** 1881-1958 English novelist: *A Casual Commentary* (1926)
- 25 People don't actually read newspapers. They get into them every morning, like a hot bath.
  - **Marshall McLuhan** 1911-80 Canadian communications scholar: in 1965; Jonathon Green (ed.) *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)
- 26 The art of newspaper paragraphing is to stroke a platitude until it purrs like an epigram.
  - **Don Marquis** 1878-1937 American poet and journalist: E. Anthony O Rare *Don Marquis* (1962)
- 27 Exclusives aren't what they used to be. We tend to put 'exclusive' on everything just to annoy other papers. I once put 'exclusive' on the weather by mistake.
  - **Piers Morgan** 1965- English journalist: in *Independent on Sunday* 14 March 1999 'Quotes'
- 28 If as Graham Greene said every novelist needs an icicle in his heart, a successful editor needs a small iceberg.  
*of Daily Mail editor David English*
  - **Ferdinand Mount** 1939- British writer and politician: *Cold Cream* (2008)
- 29 *asked why he had allowed the unclothed models feature on Page 3 to develop:*  
I don't know. The editor did it when I was away.
  - **Rupert Murdoch** 1931- Australian-born American media entrepreneur: in *Guardian* 25 February 1994
- 30 Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets.
  - **Napoleon I** 1769-1821 French emperor: attributed from the late 19th century
- 31 I like to do my principal research in bars, where people are more likely to tell the truth or, at least, lie less



- convincingly than they do in briefings and books.
- **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Holidays in Hell* (1988)
- 32 My belief is that 'recluse' is a codeword generated by journalists... meaning 'doesn't like to talk to reporters'.
- **Thomas Pynchon** 1937- American novelist: in a telephone conversation with CNN, 1997; in *Guardian* 5 May 2003
- 33 No self-respecting fish would be wrapped in a Murdoch newspaper.
- **Mike Royko** 1932-97 American journalist: before resigning from the *Chicago Sun-Times* when the paper was sold to Rupert Murdoch in 1984; Karl E. Meyer (ed.) *Pundits, Poets, and Wits* (1990)
- 34 *of the Daily Mail:*  
By office boys for office boys.
- **Lord Salisbury** 1830-1903 British Conservative statesman: H. Hamilton Fyfe *Northcliffe, an Intimate Biography* (1930)
- 35 Ever noticed that no matter what happens in one day, it exactly fits in the newspaper?
- **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: in *Mail on Sunday* 11 February 2007
- 36 People who read tabloids deserve to be lied to.
- **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: interview, *60 Minutes* March 1997
- 37 If our newspapers... could discriminate between the news value of a bicycle accident in Clapham and that of a capsizing of civilization...  
*usually quoted as 'Newspapers are unable, seemingly, to discriminate between a bicycle accident and the collapse of civilization'*
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Too True to Be Good* (1931) preface
- 38 Accuracy to a newspaper is what virtue is to a lady; but a newspaper can always print a retraction.
- **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: *The Wit and Wisdom of Adlai Stevenson* (1965)
- 39 Comment is free but facts are on expenses.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Night and Day* (1978)
- 40 Freedom of the press in Britain means freedom to print such of the proprietor's prejudices as the advertisers don't object to.
- **Hannen Swaffer** 1879-1962 British journalist: Tom Driberg *Swaff* (1974)
- 41 There are laws to protect the freedom of the press's speech, but none that are worth anything to protect the people from the press.
- **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: 'License of the Press' (1873)
- 42 They had loitered together of old on many a doorstep and forced an entry into many a stricken home.
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Scoop* (1938)
- 43 Of course, I believe in the Devil. How otherwise would I account for the existence of Lord Beaverbrook?  
*of the proprietor of the Express newspapers*
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: L. Gourlay *The Beaverbrook I Knew* (1984)
- 44 *the difference between journalism and literature:*  
Journalism is unreadable, and literature is not read.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: 'The Critic as Artist' (1891)
- 45 Newspapers, even, have degenerated. They may now be absolutely relied upon.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Decay of Lying* (1891)
- 46 You cannot hope to bribe or twist, thank God! the British journalist. But, seeing what the man will do unbribed, there's no occasion to.
- **Humbert Wolfe** 1886-1940 British poet: 'Over the Fire' (1930)
- 47 Rock journalism is people who can't write interviewing people who can't talk for people who can't read.
- **Frank Zappa** 1940-93 American rock musician: Linda Botts *Loose Talk* (1980)



# Office Life

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.  
**Phyllis Diller**

- 1 *on accountancy:*  
A profession whose idea of excitement is sharpening a bundle of no. 2 pencils.  
▪ **Anonymous:** in *Time* magazine 1993
- 2 *of the cramped office he shared with Dorothy Parker:*  
One square foot less and it would be adulterous.  
▪ **Robert Benchley** 1889-1945 American humorist: in *New Yorker* 5 January 1946
- 3 **BROWN:** I've never worked *anywhere...* without being sexually involved with *somebody* in the office.  
**QUESTIONER:** What about the *boss*?  
**BROWN:** Why discriminate against *him*?  
▪ **Helen Gurley Brown** 1922-2012 American journalist: in *New York Magazine* 27 September 1982
- 4 Meetings...are rather like cocktail parties. You don't want to go, but you're cross not to be asked.  
▪ **Jilly Cooper** 1937- English writer: *How to Survive from Nine to Five* (1970)
- 5 What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.  
▪ **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: attributed
- 6 'Noel,' he pipes, 'Noel, Noel.'  
Some wag beats tempo with a ruler.  
And the plump blonde from Personnel  
Is sick behind the water cooler.  
▪ **Phyllis McGinley** 1905-78 American poet: 'Office Party' (1960)
- 7 An office party is not, as is sometimes supposed, the Managing Director's chance to kiss the tea-girl. It is the tea-girl's chance to kiss the Managing Director.  
▪ **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *Roundabout* (1962) 'The Office Party'
- 8 I yield to no one in my admiration for the office as a social centre, but it's no place actually to get any work done.  
▪ **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *Sunday Best* (1976)
- 9 A team effort is a lot of people doing what I say.  
▪ **Michael Winner** 1935-2013 British film director and producer: in *Sunday Times* 5 April 1970
- 10 Sexual harassment at work—is it a problem for the self-employed?  
▪ **Victoria Wood** 1953- British writer and comedienne: *Lucky Bag: an Evening with Victoria Wood* (1984)

# Old Age

see also **AGE, MIDDLE AGE, YOUTH**

To what do I attribute my longevity? Bad luck. **Quentin Crisp**

- 1 Mr Salteena was an elderly man of 42.  
▪ **Daisy Ashford** 1881-1972 English child author: *The Young Visitors* (1919)
- 2 The only thing for old age is a brave face, a good tailor and comfortable shoes.  
▪ **Alan Ayckbourn** 1939- English dramatist: *Table Manners* (1975)
- 3 To me old age is always fifteen years older than I am.  
▪ **Bernard Baruch** 1870-1965 American financier and presidential adviser: in *Newsweek* 29 August 1955
- 4 If you live to be ninety in England and can still eat a boiled egg they think you



deserve the Nobel Prize.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *An Englishman Abroad* (1989)

5 Here I sit, alone and sixty,  
Bald, and fat, and full of sin,  
Cold the seat and loud the cistern,  
As I read the Harpic tin.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: 'Place Names of China' (parody of John Betjeman)

6 *on reaching the age of 100:*  
If I'd known I was gonna live this long,  
I'd have taken better care of myself.

- **Eubie Blake** 1883–1983 American ragtime pianist: in *Observer* 13 February 1983 'Sayings of the Week'; also claimed by Adolph Zukor on reaching 100

7 Old age is the outpatients' department of Purgatory.

- **Lord Hugh Cecil** 1869–1956 British Conservative politician and educationist: John Betjeman, letter to Tom Driberg, 21 July 1976

8 *in his old age Churchill overheard one of two new MPs whisper to the other, 'They say the old man's getting a bit past it':*  
And they say the old man's getting deaf as well.

- **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: K. Halle *The Irrepressible Churchill* (1985)

9 *it was pointed out to the aged Winston Churchill that his fly-button was undone:*  
No matter. The dead bird does not leave the nest.

- **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: Rupert Hart-Davis letter to George Lyttelton, 5 January 1957

10 How foolish to think that one can ever slam the door in the face of age. Much wiser to be polite and gracious and ask him to lunch in advance.

- **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: diary, 3 June 1956

11 To what do I attribute my longevity?  
Bad luck.

- **Quentin Crisp** 1908–99 English writer: in *Spectator* 20 November 1999

12 *approaching his 80th birthday:*  
While there's snow on the roof, it

doesn't mean the fire has gone out in the furnace.

- **John G. Diefenbaker** 1895–1979 Canadian Progressive Conservative statesman: attributed, 1991

13 Before I go to meet my Maker,  
I want to use the salt left in my shaker.

- **Howard Dietz** 1896–1983 American songwriter: 'Before I Kiss the World Goodbye' (1963)

14 As Groucho Marx once said, 'Anyone can get old—all you have to do is to live long enough.'

- **Elizabeth II** 1926– British queen: speech at her official 80th birthday lunch, 15 June 2006, in *Independent on Sunday* 18 June 2006

15 Being an old maid is like death by drowning, a really delightful sensation after you cease to struggle.

- **Edna Ferber** 1887–1968 American writer: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)

16 After the age of 80, you seem to be having breakfast every five minutes.

- **Christopher Fry** 1907–2005 English dramatist: attributed; in *Spectator* 7 December 2002

17 Methus'lah live nine hundred years  
But who calls dat livin'  
When no gal'll give in  
To no man what's nine hundred years?

- **Ira Gershwin** 1896–1983 American songwriter: 'It Ain't Necessarily So' (1935)

18 At forty I lost my illusions,  
At fifty I lost my hair,  
At sixty my hope and teeth were gone,  
And my feet were beyond repair.  
At eighty life has clipped my claws,  
I'm bent and bowed and cracked;  
But I can't give up the ghost because  
My follies are intact.

- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American songwriter: 'Gerontology or Springtime for Senility' (1965)

19 It's amazing how much 'mature wisdom' resembles being too tired.

- **Robert Heinlein** 1907–88 American science fiction writer: *Time Enough for Love* (1973)

20 To my deafness I'm accustomed,  
To my dentures I'm resigned,



- I can manage my bifocals,  
But Oh, how I miss my mind.
- **Lord Home** 1903-95 British Conservative statesman: John G. Murray *A Gentleman Publisher's Commonplace Book* (1996)
- 21 Nobody in Beverly Hills grows old. It's a violation of a city ordinance.
- **Bob Hope** 1903-2003 American comedian: attributed; in *Times* 24 September 2003
- 22 I still go up my 44 stairs two at a time, but that is in hopes of dropping dead at the top.
- **A. E. Housman** 1859-1936 English poet: letter to Laurence Housman, 9 June 1935
- 23 In one old people's home they changed the words of the song to 'When I'm 84' as they considered 64 to be young. I might do that.
- **Paul McCartney** 1942- English pop singer and songwriter: in *Times* 14 October 2006
- 24 Senescence begins  
And middle age ends  
The day your descendants  
Outnumber your friends.
- **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Crossing the Border' (1964)
- 25 Growing old is like being increasingly penalized for a crime you haven't committed.
- **Anthony Powell** 1905-2000 English novelist: *Temporary Kings* (1973)
- 26 when his age was contrasted with that of his opponent Walter Mondale (born 1928):  
I am not going to make age an issue in this campaign. I am not going to exploit for political purposes my opponent's youth and inexperience.
- **Ronald Reagan** 1911-2004 American Republican statesman: television debate, 21 October 1984
- 27 As I grow older and older,  
And totter towards the tomb,  
I find that I care less and less  
Who goes to bed with whom.
- **Dorothy L. Sayers** 1893-1957 English writer: 'That's Why I Never Read Modern Novels'; Janet Hitchman *Such a Strange Lady* (1975)
- 28 a final letter to a young correspondent, a year before his death:  
Dear Elise,  
Seek younger friends; I am extinct.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: letter, 1949
- 29 on how he knows he's getting old:  
My children are doing me in history now.
- **David Trimble** 1944- Northern Irish politician: in *Mail on Sunday* 27 May 2007
- 30 One should never make one's début with a scandal. One should reserve that to give an interest to one's old age.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (1891)

# Opera

Italian chefs screaming risotto recipes at each other. **Aristotle Onassis**

- 1 I do not mind what language an opera is sung in so long as it is a language I don't understand.
- **Edward Appleton** 1892-1965 English physicist: in *Observer* 28 August 1955
- 2 The opera ain't over 'til the fat lady sings.
- **Dan Cook** 1926-2008 American journalist: in *Washington Post* 3 June 1978
- 3 People are wrong when they say that the
- opera isn't what it used to be. It is what it used to be—that's what's wrong with it.
- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *Design for Living* (1933)
- 4 Opera is when a guy gets stabbed in the back and, instead of bleeding, he sings.
- **Ed Gardner** 1901-63 American radio comedian: *Duffy's Tavern* (US radio programme, 1940s)



- 5 Opera in English is, in the main, just about as sensible as baseball in Italian.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 6 *view of opera before he met Maria Callas: Italian chefs screaming risotto recipes at each other.*
  - **Aristotle Onassis** 1906-75 Greek shipping magnate and international businessman: Peter Evans *Nemesis: the True Story of Aristotle* (2004)
- 7 *Parsifal* is the kind of opera that starts at six o'clock. After it has been going three hours, you look at your watch

and it says 6.20.

- **David Randolph** 1914-2010 American conductor: Nat Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 8 It is a music one must hear several times. I am not going again.  
*of Tannhäuser*
    - **Gioacchino Rossini** 1792-1868 Italian composer: L. de Hegermann-Lindencrone *In the Courts of Memory* (1912)
  - 9 The first act of the three occupied two hours. I enjoyed that in spite of the singing.
    - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *What is Man?* (1906)

# Optimism and Pessimism

see also **HOPE**

An optimist is a girl who mistakes a bulge for a curve. **Ring Lardner**

- 1 I don't consider myself a pessimist. I think of a pessimist as someone who is waiting for it to rain. And I feel soaked to the skin.
  - **Leonard Cohen** 1934- Canadian singer and writer: in *Observer* 2 May 1993
- 2 A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad. An optimist is a man who hopes that they are.
  - **Chauncey Depew** 1834-1928 American businessman and politician: attributed, c. 1898
- 3 I guess I just prefer to see the dark side of things. The glass is always half empty. And cracked. And I just cut my lip on it. And chipped a tooth.
  - **Janeane Garofalo** 1964- American comedian: attributed
- 4 The people who live in a Golden Age usually go around complaining how yellow everything looks.
  - **Randall Jarrell** 1914-65 American poet: *A Sad Heart at the Supermarket* (1965)
- 5 My friends, as I have discovered myself, there are no disasters, only opportunities. And, indeed, opportunities for fresh disasters.
  - **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 2 December 2004
- 6 An optimist is a girl who mistakes a bulge for a curve.
  - **Ring Lardner** 1885-1933 American writer: Evan Esar *The Treasury of Humorous Quotations* (1952)
- 7 *on hearing the doorbell or a ringing telephone: What fresh hell is this?*
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: Marion Meade *What Fresh Hell Is This?* (1988)
- 8 'Do you know what a pessimist is?' 'A man who thinks everybody is as nasty as himself, and hates them for it.'
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *An Unsocial Socialist* (1887)
- 9 The nice part about being a pessimist is that you are constantly being either proven right or pleasantly surprised.
  - **George F. Will** 1941- American columnist: *The Levelling Wind* (1994)



# The Paranormal

Apart from the known and the unknown, what else is there? **Harold Pinter**

- 1 Those who believe in telekinesis, raise my hand.
  - **Anonymous**: modern saying, sometimes associated with the writer Kurt Vonnegut
- 2 *on spiritualism*:  
I always knew the living talked rot, but it's nothing to the rot the dead talk.
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864-1945 British political hostess: Chips Channon diary, 20 December 1937
- 3 I don't believe in astrology; I'm a Sagittarius and we're sceptical.
  - **Arthur C. Clarke** 1917-2008 English science fiction writer: attributed; Nigel Rees Cassell *Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 4 But where is everybody?  
*on the existence of extra-terrestrials, given the lack of contact*
  - **Enrico Fermi** 1901-54 Italian-born American atomic physicist: attributed, c.1950
- 5 *supposed opening words of a letter of dismissal to the Sun's astrologer*:  
As you will no doubt have foreseen...
  - **Kelvin Mackenzie** 1946- British journalist: attributed, probably apocryphal
- 6 The only contact I ever made with the dead was when I spoke to a journalist from the *Sun*.
  - **Morrissey** 1959- English singer and songwriter: David Bret Morrissey: *Landscapes of the Mind* (1994)
- 7 Apart from the known and the unknown, what else is there?
  - **Harold Pinter** 1930-2008 English dramatist: *The Homecoming* (1965)
- 8 Mr Geller may have psychic powers by means of which he can bend spoons; if so, he appears to be doing it the hard way.
  - **James Randi** 1928- Canadian-born American conjuror: *The Supernatural A-Z: the truth and the lies* (1995)

# Parents

see also **CHILDREN, FAMILY, MOTHERS**

A Jewish man with parents alive is a fifteen-year-old boy. **Philip Roth**

- 1 Maternity is a matter of fact. Paternity is a matter of opinion.
  - **Walter Bagehot** 1826-77 English economist: *Physics and Politics* (1872)
- 2 I'm still working. I need the money.  
Money, I've discovered, is the one thing keeping me in touch with my children.
  - **Gyles Brandreth** 1948- English writer and broadcaster: *The One to One Show* (2010)
- 3 If you have never been hated by your child, you have never been a parent.
  - **Bette Davis** 1908-89 American actress: *The Lonely Life* (1962)
- 4 Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.
  - **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: attributed
- 5 [A successful parent is one] who raises a child who grows up and is able to pay for his or her own psychoanalysis.
  - **Nora Ephron** 1941-2012 American screenwriter and director: in *People* 10 November 1986
- 6 Mom and Pop were just a couple of kids when they got married. He was



- eighteen, she was sixteen, and I was three.
- **Billie Holiday** 1915-59 American singer: *Lady Sings the Blues* (1958) opening words
- 7 on hearing a report that his son Charles James Fox was to be married:  
He will be obliged to go to bed at least one night of his life.
- **Lord Holland** 1705-74 English Whig politician: Christopher Hobhouse *Fox* (1934)
- 8 In case it is one of mine.  
*patting children in Chelsea on the head as he passed by*
- **Augustus John** 1878-1961 British painter: Michael Holroyd *Augustus John* (1975)
- 9 They fuck you up, your mum and dad.  
They may not mean to, but they do.  
They fill you with the faults they had  
And add some extra, just for you.
- **Philip Larkin** 1922-85 English poet: 'This Be The Verse' (1974)
- 10 Having children makes you no more a parent than having a piano makes you a pianist.
- **Michael Levine**: *Lessons at the Halfway Point* (1995)
- 11 Parents should conduct their arguments in quiet, respectful tones, but in a foreign language. You'd be surprised what an inducement that is to the education of children.
- **Judith Martin** 1938- American journalist: 'Advice from Miss Manners', column in *Washington Post* 1979-82
- 12 Your folks are like God because you want to know they're out there and you want them to approve of your life, still you only call them when you're in crisis and need something.
- **Chuck Palahniuk** 1962- American writer: *Invisible Monsters* (1999)
- 13 A Jewish man with parents alive is a fifteen-year-old boy, and will remain a fifteen-year-old boy until *they die!*
- **Philip Roth** 1933- American novelist: *Portnoy's Complaint* (1967)
- 14 I did not throw myself into the struggle for life: I threw my mother into it.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: preface to *The Irrational Knot* (1905)
- 15 If you must hold yourself up to your children as an object lesson (which is not at all necessary), hold yourself up as a warning and not as an example.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Parents and Children* (1914)
- 16 I wish either my father or my mother, or indeed both of them, as they were in duty both equally bound to it, had minded what they were about when they begot me.
- **Laurence Sterne** 1713-68 English novelist: *Tristram Shandy* (1759-67)
- 17 I have four sons and three stepsons. I have learnt what it is like to step on Lego with bare feet.
- **Fay Weldon** 1931- British novelist and scriptwriter: in *Independent* 6 July 2002
- 18 All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895); the same words occur in dialogue form in *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)



# Parties and Hospitality

see also **SOCIETY**

Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.

**William Dean Howells**

- 1 If the soup had been as warm as the wine, the wine as old as the fish, and the fish as young as the maid, and the maid as willing as the hostess, it would have been a very good meal.
  - **Anonymous:** saying of unknown origin
- 2 *opening a lecture at Strathclyde University, immediately after her husband's trial for perjury; the audience included many journalists:*  
Good morning, and a special welcome to those of you who are new to the field of quantum solar energy conversion.
  - **Mary Archer** 1944– British scientist: in *Sunday Times* 29 July 2001
- 3 It is amazing how nice people are to you when they know you are going away.
  - **Michael Arlen** 1895–1963 British novelist: attributed
- 4 Mankind is divisible into two great classes: hosts and guests.
  - **Max Beerbohm** 1872–1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: *And Even Now* (1920)
- 5 *on the arrival of the champagne after a series of poor dishes at a dinner:*  
Thank God for something warm!
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: Christopher Hibbert *Disraeli and his World* (1978)
- 6 Hospitality consists in a little fire, a little food, and an immense quiet.
  - **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 1803–82 American philosopher and poet: journal, 1865
- 7 Here you are again, older faces and younger clothes.  
*habitual greeting to guests*
  - **Mamie Stuyvesant Fish** 1853–1915 American socialite: attributed
- 8 My idea of hell is a very large party in a cold room, where everybody has to play hockey properly.
  - **Stella Gibbons** 1902–89 English novelist: *Cold Comfort Farm* (1932)
- 9 The best number for a dinner party is two—myself and a dam' good head waiter.
  - **Nubar Gulbenkian** 1896–1972 British industrialist and philanthropist: in *Daily Telegraph* 14 January 1965
- 10 A host is like a general: misfortunes often reveal his genius.
  - **Horace** 65–8 BC Roman poet: *Satires*
- 11 Some people can stay longer in an hour than others can in a week.
  - **William Dean Howells** 1837–1920 American novelist and critic: attributed
- 12 At every party there are two kinds of people—those who want to go home and those who don't. The trouble is, they are usually married to each other.
  - **Ann Landers** 1918–2002 American advice columnist: in *International Herald Tribune* 19 June 1991
- 13 I really felt for you in the scene in which you tried to make the party go.  
*to Judith Anderson after her Lady Macbeth in 1937*
  - **Queen Mary** 1867–1953 British Queen Consort: Adrian Woolhouse *Angus Macbean Face-maker* (2006)
- 14 At a dinner party one should eat wisely but not too well, and talk well but not too wisely.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874–1965 English novelist: *Writer's Notebook* (1949); written in 1896
- 15 Home is heaven and orgies are vile, But you *need* an orgy, once in a while.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: 'Home, 99<sup>44</sup>/100% Sweet Home' (1935)



- 16 Gee, what a terrific party. Later on we'll get some fluid and embalm each other.
  - **Neil Simon** 1927– American dramatist: *The Gingerbread Lady* (1970)
- 17 I must ask anyone entering the house never to contradict me or differ from me in any way, as it interferes with the functioning of the gastric juices and prevents my sleeping at night.  
*his habitual greeting to guests arriving at Renishaw*
  - **George Sitwell** 1860–1943 English antiquary: attributed, *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*
- 18 I made a terrible social gaffe. I went to a Ken and Barbie party dressed as Klaus Barbie.
  - **Arthur Smith** 1954– and **Chris England**: *An Evening with Gary Lineker* (1990)
- 19 I once went to one of those parties where everyone throws their car keys into the middle of the room. I don't know who got my moped but I drove that Peugeot for years.
  - **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: attributed

## Past, Present, and Future

Cheer up! the worst is yet to come! **Philander Chase Johnson**

- 1 'The first ten million years were the worst,' said Marvin, 'and the second ten million years, they were the worst too. The third ten million I didn't enjoy at all. After that I went into a bit of a decline.'
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952–2001 English science fiction writer: *Restaurant at the End of the Universe* (1980)
- 2 Nothing is more responsible for the good old days than a bad memory.
  - **Franklin P. Adams** 1881–1960 American journalist and humorist: *Howard Teichmann Smart Aleck* (1976)
- 3 Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
  - **Anonymous**: graffito (taken as title of book by Simone Signoret, 1978)
- 4 The world has turned upside down. The best golfer in the world is black; the best rapper in the world is white; and now there is a war and, guess what, Germany doesn't want to be in it.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: diary 2003, in *London Review of Books* 8 January 2004
- 5 *definition of the future*:  
That period of time in which our affairs prosper, our friends are true, and our happiness is assured.
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Cynic's Word Book* (1906)
- 6 Predictions can be very difficult—especially about the future.
  - **Niels Bohr** 1885–1962 Danish physicist: attributed
- 7 Posterity is as likely to be wrong as anybody else.
  - **Heywood Broun** 1888–1939 American journalist: *Sitting on the World* (1924)
- 8 The rule is, jam to-morrow and jam yesterday—but never jam today.
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832–98 English writer and logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- 9 For my part, I consider that it will be found much better by all Parties to leave the past to history, especially as I propose to write that history myself.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: speech in the House of Commons, 23 January 1948
- 10 I never think of the future. It comes soon enough.
  - **Albert Einstein** 1879–1955 German-born theoretical physicist: interview given on the *Belgenland*, December 1930



- 11 Why should I write for posterity?  
What, if I may be free  
To ask a ridiculous question,  
Has posterity done for me?  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American  
songwriter: 'Posterity is Right Around the  
Corner' (1976)
- 12 In times like these, it helps to recall that  
there have always been times like these.  
▪ **Paul Harvey** 1918–2009 American radio  
broadcaster: attributed
- 13 You can only predict things after they  
have happened.  
▪ **Eugène Ionesco** 1912–94 French dramatist:  
*Le Rhinocéros* (1959)
- 14 Cheer up! the worst is yet to come!  
▪ **Philander Chase Johnson** 1866–1939  
American journalist: in *Everybody's  
Magazine* May 1920
- 15 I do not know which makes a man  
more conservative—to know nothing  
but the present, or nothing but the past.  
▪ **John Maynard Keynes** 1883–1946 English  
economist: *The End of Laissez-Faire* (1926)
- 16 Industrial archaeology...believes that a  
thing that doesn't work any more is far  
more interesting than a thing that still  
works.  
▪ **Miles Kington** 1941–2008 English humorist:  
*Nature Made Ridiculously Simple* (1983)
- 17 Soon we'll be sliding down the razor-  
blade of life.  
▪ **Tom Lehrer** 1928– American humorist:  
'Bright College Days' (c.1960)
- 18 They spend their time mostly looking  
forward to the past.  
▪ **John Osborne** 1929–94 English dramatist:  
*Look Back in Anger* (1956)
- 19 We mustn't prejudge the past.  
▪ **William Whitelaw** 1918–99 British  
Conservative politician: in *Times* 2 July  
1999; attributed
- 20 Hindsight is always twenty-twenty.  
▪ **Billy Wilder** 1906–2002 American  
screenwriter and director: J. R. Columbo  
*Wit and Wisdom of the Moviemakers* (1979)

## People and Personalities

I had to pull him out, otherwise nobody would have believed I didn't push him in.  
**Peter Cook**

- 1 Jimmy [Connors] was such an out-and-  
out 'personality' that he managed to get  
into a legal dispute with the president  
of his own fan club.  
▪ **Martin Amis** 1949– English novelist: in  
*New Yorker* 5 September 1994
- 2 On no account is this man to be put in  
charge of others.  
*Army selection board on the young Peter  
Ustinov, c.1942*  
▪ **Anonymous**: quoted in *Daily Telegraph*  
30 March 2004
- 3 He was my knight on a shining bicycle.  
*of Boris Johnson after he rescued her from a  
gang of girls*  
▪ **Franny Armstrong** 1972– British film  
director: in *Times* 4 November 2009
- 4 Agatha Christie has given more  
pleasure in bed than any other woman.  
▪ **Nancy Banks-Smith** 1929– British  
journalist: attributed
- 5 I will take questions from the guys,  
but from the girls I want telephone  
numbers.  
▪ **Silvio Berlusconi** 1936– Italian statesman:  
at a youth rally in Rome, 9 September 2009
- 6 She has perfected the art of answering  
questions at length and saying  
absolutely nothing. She would never,  
even under torture, admit that pink  
was her favourite colour for fear of  
offending orange and mauve.  
*of Margot Fonteyn*  
▪ **Richard Buckle** 1916–2001 English ballet  
critic: in *Sunday Times* 30 March 1969



- 7 *of Viscount Montgomery:*  
In defeat unbeatable: in victory unbearable.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: Edward Marsh *Ambrosia and Small Beer* (1964)
- 8 *after meeting Irving Berlin and supposing him to be Isaiah Berlin:*  
Berlin's just like most bureaucrats. Wonderful on paper but disappointing when you meet them face to face.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: Laurence Bergreen *As Thousands Cheer* (1990)
- 9 He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire.  
*on Sir Stafford Cripps*
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: attributed
- 10 I had to pull him out, otherwise nobody would have believed I didn't push him in.  
*on rescuing David Frost from drowning*
  - **Peter Cook** 1937-95 English satirist and actor: Nigel Rees (ed.) *A Year of Stings and Squelches* (1985)
- 11 *on a visit to Washington:*  
If there were anything I could take back to France with me, it would be Mrs Kennedy.
  - **Charles de Gaulle** 1890-1970 French statesman: attributed
- 12 *of David Steel, Leader of the Liberal Party:*  
He's passed from rising hope to elder statesman without any intervening period whatsoever.
  - **Michael Foot** 1913-2010 British Labour politician: in the House of Commons, 28 March 1979
- 13 *on Richard Chartres, Bishop of London:*  
The sort of bishop you would get if you went to Harrods.
  - **Giles Fraser** 1964- English Anglican clergyman: quoting one of his congregation, 17 April 2013
- 14 *Lady Carina Fitzalan-Howard was asked if her future husband David Frost were religious:*  
Yes, he thinks he's God Almighty.
  - **Carina Frost** 1952- : in *Sunday Times* 28 July 1985
- 15 He's the angriest man you'll ever meet. He's like a man with a fork in a world of soup.  
*on his brother Liam*
  - **Noel Gallagher** 1967- English pop singer: in *Sun* 21 April 2009
- 16 I like a drink as much as the next man, unless the next man is Mel Gibson.  
*introducing the convicted drink-driver on stage to present an award*
  - **Ricky Gervais** 1961- English comedian: at the Golden Globes, 17 January 2010
- 17 Vladimir, Vladimir, Vladimir Kuts  
Nature's attempt at an engine in boots.  
*on the Russian runner Vladimir Kuts*
  - **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: in 1956; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 18 Twin miracles of mascara, her eyes looked like the corpses of two small crows that had crashed into a chalk cliff.  
*on Barbara Cartland*
  - **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: in *Observer* 2 August 1981
- 19 *on her son Karl writing a book about capital:*  
If only Karl had made capital instead.
  - **Henrietta Marx** German mother of Karl Marx: remark reported by Marx in 1868; S. K. Padover *Letters of Karl Marx* (1979)
- 20 The thinking man's crumpet.  
*of Joan Bakewell*
  - **Frank Muir** 1920-98 English writer and broadcaster: attributed
- 21 *of Errol Flynn:*  
You always knew precisely where you stood with him because he *always* let you down.
  - **David Niven** 1910-83 English actor: *Bring On the Empty Horses* (1975)
- 22 I was the toast of two continents: Greenland and Australia.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: attributed
- 23 *on Michael Jackson:*  
He's the guy that makes Liberace look like Clint Eastwood.
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: Graham Jones *I Don't Hate Men, But-; I Don't Hate Women, But-* (1986)



- 24 *on Mick Jagger:*  
The lips, the lips! He could French kiss a moose or blow a tuba from both ends at the same time.  
▪ **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: *Graham Jones I Don't Hate Men, But–; I Don't Hate Women, But–* (1986)
- 25 He seemed to have been cut out of very thin cardboard.  
*of Lytton Strachey*  
▪ **Edith Sitwell** 1887–1964 English poet and critic: *Taken Care Of* (1965)
- 26 *on Marilyn Monroe:*  
Her body has gone to her head.  
▪ **Barbara Stanwyck** 1907–90 American actress: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 27 A genius with the IQ of a moron.  
*of Andy Warhol*  
▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: in *Observer* 18 June 1989
- 28 *to a gentleman who had accosted him in the street saying, 'Mr Jones, I believe?':*  
If you believe that, you'll believe anything.  
*George Jones RA (1786–1869), painter of military subjects, bore a striking resemblance to Wellington*  
▪ **Duke of Wellington** 1769–1852 British soldier and statesman: *Elizabeth Longford Pillar of State* (1972)
- 29 I think his fate is rather like Humpty Dumpty's, quite as tragic and quite as impossible to put right.  
*on her husband, Oscar Wilde*  
▪ **Constance Wilde** 1859–98: letter to her brother, 26 March 1897
- 30 *on Burt Reynolds:*  
He's the kind of guy who would stop on his way down the aisle to get married to say hello to a pretty girl.  
▪ **Tammy Wynette** 1942–98 American singer: in *Winnipeg Free Press* 22 September 1978
- 31 Q: Who does George Michael sleep with?  
A: Nobody. You can't get two on a sunbed.  
▪ **Paula Yates** 1959–2000 British television presenter: *Graham Jones I Don't Hate Men, But–; I Don't Hate Women, But–* (1986)

## Peoples see COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

## Personalities see PEOPLE AND PERSONALITIES

## Pessimism see OPTIMISM AND PESSIMISM

# Philosophy

*Sometimes I sits and thinks, and then again I just sits.* **Punch**

- What if everything is an illusion and nothing exists? In that case I definitely overpaid for my carpet.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Without Feathers* (1975)
- intervening at a New York party between Mike Tyson and Naomi Campbell:*  
TYSON: Do you know who the f— I am?  
I'm the heavyweight champion of the world.  
AYER: And I am the former Wykeham Professor of Logic. We are both pre-eminent in our field. I suggest we talk about this like rational men.  
▪ **A. J. Ayer** 1910–89 English philosopher: *Ben Rogers A. J. Ayer: a Life* (1999)
- Some people see things that are and



- ask, Why? Some people dream of things that never were and ask, Why not? Some people have to go to work and don't have time for all that.
- **George Carlin** 1937-2008 American comedian: *Brain Droppings* (1997)
- 4 I have tried too in my time to be a philosopher; but, I don't know how, cheerfulness was always breaking in.
- **Oliver Edwards** 1711-91 English lawyer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1934 ed.) 17 April 1778
- 5 Philosophy consists very largely of one philosopher arguing that all others are jackasses. He usually proves it, and I should add that he usually proves that he is one himself.
- **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)
- 6 I like your playing very much.
- to Jean-Paul Sartre
- **Charlie Parker** 1920-55 American jazz saxophonist: John Szwed *So What: the life of Miles Davis* (2002)
- 7 The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper.
- **Eden Phillpotts** 1862-1960 English writer: *A Shadow Passes* (1918)
- 8 It's a strange thing about determined seekers-after-wisdom that, no matter where they happen to be, they'll always seek that wisdom which is a long way off. Wisdom is one of the few things that looks bigger the further away it is.
- **Terry Pratchett** 1948-2015 English fantasy writer: *Witches Abroad* (1991)
- 9 Sometimes I sits and thinks, and then again I just sits.
- **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 131 (1906)
- 10 It is better to be vaguely right than exactly wrong.
- **Carveth Read** 1848-1931 English philosopher: *Logic, Deductive and Inductive* (1898)
- 11 My German engineer, I think is a fool. He thinks nothing empirical is Knowable—I asked him to admit that there was not a rhinoceros in the room, but he wouldn't.
- of Wittgenstein
- **Bertrand Russell** 1872-1970 British philosopher and mathematician: letter to Lady Ottoline Morrell, November 1911
- 12 I have a new philosophy; I'm only going to dread one day at a time.
- **Charles Monroe Schulz** 1922-2000 American cartoonist: attributed
- 13 on the speaker's choice of subject at university:
- Almost everyone who didn't know what to do, did philosophy. Well, that's logical.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Albert's Bridge* (1969)
- 14 The safest general characterization of the European philosophical tradition is that it consists of a series of footnotes to Plato.
- **Alfred North Whitehead** 1861-1947 English philosopher and mathematician: *Process and Reality* (1929)
- 15 What is your aim in philosophy?—To show the fly the way out of the fly-bottle.
- **Ludwig Wittgenstein** 1889-1951 Austrian-born philosopher: *Philosophische Untersuchungen* (1953)
- 16 You would not like Nietzsche, sir. He is fundamentally unsound.
- Jeeves to Bertie Wooster
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *My Man Jeeves* (1919)



# Poetry

see also **LITERATURE, POETS, WRITING**

I'd as soon write free verse as play tennis with the net down. **Robert Frost**

- 1 There was a young man called  
MacNabbiter  
Who had an organ of prodigious  
diameter.  
But it was not the size  
That gave girls the surprise,  
'Twas his rhythm—Iambic Pentameter.  
▪ **Anonymous**: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdotalage* (1993)
- 2 There was a young man from Peru  
Whose limericks stopped at line two.  
▪ **Anonymous**: Harry Mathews and Alastair Brotchie (eds) *Oulipo Compendium* (1998)
- 3 Haikus are easy. But sometimes they  
don't make sense. Refrigerator.  
▪ **Anonymous**: saying
- 4 'I can repeat poetry as well as other folk  
if it comes to that—' 'Oh, it needn't  
come to that!' Alice hastily said.  
▪ **Lewis Carroll** 1832-98 English writer and  
logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- 5 'By God,' quod he, 'for pleylnly, at a  
word,  
Thy drasty rymyng is nat worth a  
toord!'  
▪ **Geoffrey Chaucer** c.1343-1400 English poet:  
*The Canterbury Tales* 'Sir Thopas'
- 6 Poets have been mysteriously silent on  
the subject of cheese.  
▪ **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English  
essayist, novelist, and poet: *Alarms and  
Discursions* (1910)
- 7 on the haiku:  
To convey one's mood in seventeen  
syllables is very diffic.  
▪ **John Cooper Clarke** 1949- English poet:  
attributed
- 8 Laman Blanchard, a young poet, had  
submitted some verses entitled 'Orient Pearls  
at Random Strung' to Household Words:  
Dear Blanchard, too much string—  
Yours. C.D.  
▪ **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist:  
Frederick Locker-Lampson *My Confidences*  
(1896)
- 9 Immature poets imitate; mature poets  
steal.  
▪ **T. S. Eliot** 1888-1965 American-born British  
poet, critic, and dramatist: *The Sacred Wood*  
(1920) 'Philip Massinger'
- 10 I'd as soon write free verse as play  
tennis with the net down.  
▪ **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet:  
Edward Lathem *Interviews with Robert Frost*  
(1966)
- 11 There are the women whose husbands  
I meet on aeroplanes  
Who close their briefcases and ask,  
'What are you in?'  
I look in their eyes, I tell them I am in  
poetry....  
▪ **Donald Hall** 1928- American poet: 'To a  
Waterfowl' (1971)
- 12 The notion of expressing sentiments  
in short lines having similar sounds at  
their ends seems as remote as mangoes  
on the moon.  
▪ **Philip Larkin** 1922-85 English poet: letter to  
Barbara Pym, 22 January 1975
- 13 Writing a book of poetry is like  
dropping a rose petal down the Grand  
Canyon and waiting for the echo.  
▪ **Don Marquis** 1878-1937 American poet and  
journalist: E. Anthony O *Rare Don Marquis*  
(1962)
- 14 My favourite poem is the one that starts  
'Thirty days hath September' because it  
actually tells you something.  
▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film  
comedian: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984);  
attributed



- 15 All that is not prose is verse; and all that is not verse is prose.

- **Molière** 1622-73 French comic dramatist: *Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme* (1671)

- 16 Of all the literary scenes  
Saddest this sight to me:  
The graves of little magazines  
Who died to make verse free.

- **Keith Preston** 1884-1927 American poet: 'The Liberators'

- 17 *response on being told by Philip Larkin that there was no known rhyme for Stoke Poges:*  
An incontinent man from Stoke Poges  
At the theatre would often soak loges.  
To take care of that  
He'd pee in his hat

Or a chamber pot made in Limoges.

- **Ken Thomson** Australian writer and editor: in 1946; told to the Editor

- 18 *to Rousseau, of his 'Ode to Posterity':*  
It will never reach its address.

- **Voltaire** 1694-1778 French writer and philosopher: attributed

- 19 All bad poetry springs from genuine feeling.

- **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: 'The Critic as Artist' (1891)

- 20 Poetry is sissy stuff that rhymes. Weedy people sa la and fie and swoon when they see a bunch of daffodils.

- **Geoffrey Willans** 1911-58 and **Ronald Searle** 1920-2011: *Down with Skool!* (1953)

## Poets

see also **POETRY**

Dr Donne's verses are like the peace of God; they pass all understanding. **James I**

- 1 We learn from Horace, Homer  
sometimes sleeps;  
We feel without him: Wordsworth  
sometimes wakes.

- **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)

- 2 Even the greatest poets need something to cling to. Keats had Beauty; Milton had God. T. S. Eliot's standby was Worry.

- **John Carey** 1934- British literary scholar: in *Sunday Times* 25 September 1988

- 3 I used to think all poets were Byronic.  
They're mostly wicked as a ginless tonic  
And wild as pension plans.

- **Wendy Cope** 1945- English poet: 'Triolet' (1986)

- 4 *the young Stephen Spender had told Eliot of his wish to become a poet:*  
I can understand your wanting to write poems, but I don't quite know what you mean by 'being a poet'...

- **T. S. Eliot** 1888-1965 American-born British poet, critic, and dramatist: *Stephen Spender World within World* (1951)

- 5 Osbert was wonderful, as you would

expect, and Edith, of course, but then we had this rather lugubrious man in a suit, and he read a poem...I think it was called The Desert. And first the girls got the giggles and then I did and then even the King.

*of an evening at Windsor during the war, arranged by Osbert Sitwell, at which T. S. Eliot read from 'The Waste Land' to the King and Queen and the Princesses*

- **Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother** 1900-2002: private conversation, reported in *Spectator* 30 June 1990

- 6 A poet who reads his work in public may have other nasty habits.

- **Robert Heinlein** 1907-88 American science fiction writer: *Time Enough for Love* (1973)

- 7 What is a modern poet's fate?  
To write his thoughts upon a slate;  
The critic spits on what is done,  
*Gives it a wipe—and all is gone.*

- **Thomas Hood** 1799-1845 English poet and humorist: 'A Joke', in *Hallam Tennyson Alfred Lord Tennyson* (1897); not found in *Hood's Complete Works*



- 8 I wish Shelley had been at Harrow.  
 ▪ **James John Hornby** 1826–1909 English headmaster of Eton: Henry S. Salt *Percy Bysshe Shelley* (1896)
- 9 My poetry, so far as I could make out, sprang chiefly from physical conditions, such as a relaxed sore throat during my most prolific period.  
 ▪ **A. E. Housman** 1859–1936 English poet: letter, 5 February 1933
- 10 Dr Donne's verses are like the peace of God; they pass all understanding.  
 ▪ **James I** 1566–1625 British king: remark recorded by Archdeacon Plume (1630–1704)
- 11 *on the relative merits of two minor poets:*  
 Sir, there is no settling the point of precedence between a louse and a flea.  
 ▪ **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 1783
- 12 We had the old crow over at Hull recently, looking like a Christmas present from Easter Island.  
*of Ted Hughes*  
 ▪ **Philip Larkin** 1922–85 English poet: letter, 1975
- 13 *on being asked by Stephen Spender in the 1930s how best a poet could serve the Communist cause:*  
 Go to Spain and get killed.  
 The movement needs a Byron.  
 ▪ **Harry Pollitt** 1890–1960 British Communist politician: Frank Johnson *Out of Order* (1982); attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 14 While pensive poets painful vigils keep, Sleepless themselves, to give their readers sleep.  
 ▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: *The Dunciad* (1742)
- 15 Sir, I admit your gen'ral rule  
 That every poet is a fool:  
 But you yourself may serve to show it,  
 That every fool is not a poet.  
 ▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: 'Epigram from the French' (1732)
- 16 For years a secret shame destroyed my peace—  
 I'd not read Eliot, Auden or MacNeice.  
 But then I had a thought that brought me hope—  
 Neither had Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Pope.  
 ▪ **Justin Richardson** 1900–75 British poet: 'Take Heart, Illiterates' (1966)
- 17 Meredith's a prose Browning, and so is Browning.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Intentions* (1891) 'The Critic as Artist'
- 18 ACQUAINTANCE: How are you?  
 YEATS: Not very well. I can only write prose today.  
 ▪ **W. B. Yeats** 1865–1939 Irish poet: attributed

## Political Parties

The Labour Party is going around stirring up apathy. **William Whitelaw**

- 1 CHILD: Mamma, are Tories born wicked, or do they grow wicked afterwards?  
 MOTHER: They are born wicked, and grow worse.  
 ▪ **Anonymous**: G. W. E. Russell *Collections and Recollections* (1898)
- 2 A liberal is a man who leaves the room before the fight begins.  
 ▪ **Heywood Broun** 1888–1939 American journalist: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)
- 3 There's nothing so improves the mood of the Party as the imminent execution of a senior colleague.  
 ▪ **Alan Clark** 1928–99 British Conservative politician: diary, 13 July 1990
- 4 Vote Labour and you build castles in the air. Vote Conservative and you can live in them.  
 ▪ **David Frost** 1939–2013 English broadcaster: *That Was The Week That Was* (BBC TV, 1962)



- 5 I never dared be radical when young  
For fear it would make me conservative  
when old.  
▪ **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet:  
'Precaution' (1936)
- 6 I often think it's comical  
How Nature always does contrive  
That every boy and every gal,  
That's born into the world alive,  
Is either a little Liberal,  
Or else a little Conservative!  
▪ **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer:  
*Iolanthe* (1882)
- 7 Conservatives do not believe that the  
political struggle is the most important  
thing in life...The simplest of them  
prefer fox-hunting—the wisest religion.  
▪ **Lord Hailsham** 1907-2001 British  
Conservative politician: *The Case for  
Conservatism* (1947)
- 8 *at a photocall when Lady Thatcher said to  
him 'You should be on my right':*  
That would be difficult.  
▪ **Edward Heath** 1916-2005 British  
Conservative statesman: in *Times* 24 April  
1999 'Quotes of the Week'
- 9 Voting Tory will cause your wife to  
have bigger breasts and increase your  
chances of owning a BMW M3.  
▪ **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative  
politician: attributed, in *Sunday Times* 1 May  
2005
- 10 The Tory Party only panics in a crisis.  
▪ **Iain Macleod** 1913-70 British Conservative  
politician: attributed
- 11 As usual the Liberals offer a mixture  
of sound and original ideas.  
Unfortunately none of the sound  
ideas is original and none of the  
original ideas is sound.  
▪ **Harold Macmillan** 1894-1986 British  
Conservative statesman: speech to London  
Conservatives, 7 March 1961
- 12 I have only one firm belief about the  
American political system, and that  
is this: God is a Republican and Santa  
Claus is a Democrat.  
▪ **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous  
writer: *Parliament of Whores* (1991)
- 13 I will make a bargain with the  
Republicans. If they will stop telling  
lies about Democrats, we will stop  
telling the truth about them.  
▪ **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American  
Democratic politician: speech during 1952  
Presidential campaign; Leon Harris *The Fine  
Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 14 The Labour Party is going around  
stirring up apathy.  
▪ **William Whitelaw** 1918-99 British  
Conservative politician: recalled by Alan  
Watkins as a characteristic 'Willieism', in  
*Observer* 1 May 1983

## Politicians

see also **PEOPLE, POLITICS, PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS**

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a politician is an arse upon which everyone has sat except a man. **e. e. cummings**

- 1 When the political columnists say 'Every  
thinking man' they mean themselves,  
and when candidates appeal to 'Every  
intelligent voter' they mean everybody  
who is going to vote for them.  
▪ **Franklin P. Adams** 1881-1960 American  
journalist and humorist: *Nods and Becks*  
(1944)
- 2 My name is George Nathaniel Curzon,  
I am a most superior person.  
My face is pink, my hair is sleek,  
I dine at Blenheim once a week.  
*of Lord Curzon*  
▪ **Anonymous**: *The Masque of Balliol* (c.1880),  
in W. G. Hiscock *The Balliol Rhymes* (1939,  
the last two lines are a later addition)



- 3 Dalton McGuinty: He's an evil reptilian kitten-eater from another planet.  
*Canadian Conservative press release attacking the Liberal leader during September 2003 Ontario election campaign*  
▪ **Anonymous:** in *London Free Press News* 13 September 2003
- 4 Beaverbrook is so pleased to be in the Government that he is like the town tart who has finally married the Mayor!  
▪ **Beverley Baxter** 1891-1964 Canadian-born British journalist and Conservative politician: *Chips Channon diary* 12 June 1940
- 5 I am the very master of the  
multipurpose metaphor,  
I put them into speeches which I always  
feel the better for.  
The speed of my delivery is totally  
vehicular,  
I'm burning with a passion about  
nothing in particular.  
I'm well acquainted too with matters  
technological,  
I'm able to explain myself in phrases  
tautological.  
My language is poetical and full of  
hidden promises...  
It's like the raging torrent of a thousand  
Dylan Thomases.  
▪ **Alistair Beaton** 1947- Scottish satirist:  
'I am the very Model...', sung by Pooh-Bach  
(Minister for everything else. Formerly Neil  
Kinnock) in Ned Sherrin and Alistair Beaton  
*The Metropolitan Mikado* (1985)
- 6 The right kind of leader for the Labour  
Party...a desiccated calculating machine.  
*generally taken as referring to Hugh Gaitskell,  
although Bevan specifically denied it in an  
interview with Robin Day on 28 April 1959*  
▪ **Aneurin Bevan** 1897-1960 British Labour  
politician: *Michael Foot Aneurin Bevan*  
(1973) vol. 2
- 7 Attlee is said to have remarked that Herbert  
Morrison was his own worst enemy:  
Not while I'm alive he ain't.  
▪ **Ernest Bevin** 1881-1951 British Labour  
politician and trade unionist: Paul Johnson  
(ed.) *The Oxford Book of Political Anecdotes*  
(1986), introduction; also attributed to  
Bevin of Aneurin Bevan
- 8 JONES: What's your favourite political  
joke?  
CAMERON: Nick Clegg.  
▪ **David Cameron** 1966- British Conservative  
statesman: *Cameron on Cameron:  
conversations with Dylan Jones* (2008)
- 9 QUESTION: What are the desirable  
qualifications for any young man who  
wishes to become a politician?  
MR CHURCHILL: It is the ability to  
foretell what is going to happen  
tomorrow, next week, next month,  
and next year. And to have the ability  
afterwards to explain why it didn't  
happen.  
▪ **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British  
Conservative statesman: *B. Adler Churchill  
Wit* (1965)
- 10 There but for the grace of God, goes  
God.  
*of Stafford Cripps*  
▪ **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British  
Conservative statesman: *P. Brendon  
Churchill* (1984)
- 11 In the end we are all sacked and it's  
always awful.  
▪ **Alan Clark** 1928-99 British Conservative  
politician: *diary* 21 June 1983
- 12 a politician is an arse upon  
which everyone has sat except a man.  
▪ **e. e. cummings** 1894-1962 American poet:  
*1 x 1* (1944)
- 13 I view this able and energetic man  
with some detachment. He is loyal to  
his own career but only incidentally to  
anything or anyone else.  
*of Richard Crossman*  
▪ **Hugh Dalton** 1887-1962 British Labour  
politician: *diary* 17 September 1941
- 14 It is not necessary that every time  
he rises he should give his famous  
imitation of a semi-house-trained  
polecat.  
*of Norman Tebbit*  
▪ **Michael Foot** 1913-2010 British Labour  
politician: *speech in the House of  
Commons* 2 March 1978
- 15 on being asked immediately after the Munich  
crisis if he were not worn out by the late nights:  
No, not exactly. But it spoils one's eye



for the high birds.

- **Lord Halifax** 1881–1959 British Conservative politician: Paul Johnson (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Political Anecdotes* (1986)

16 Peter Mandelson is someone who can skulk in broad daylight.

- **Simon Hoggart** 1946–2014 English journalist: in *Guardian* 10 July 1998

17 Hello. I'm your MP. Actually I'm your candidate. Gosh!

- **Boris Johnson** 1964– British Conservative politician: canvassing in Henley, 2005

18 All politicians in the end are like crazed wasps in a jam jar, each individually convinced that they are going to make it.

- **Boris Johnson** 1964– British Conservative politician: on *Desert Island Discs* BBC Radio 4, 30 October 2005

19 Like some cut-price edition of David Cameron hastily knocked off by a Shanghai sweatshop to satisfy unexpected market demand.

of Nick Clegg

- **Boris Johnson** 1964– British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 8 February 2010

20 of her fellow members of the Afghan parliament:

A stable or a zoo is better, at least there you have a donkey that carries a load and a cow that provides milk.

- **Malalai Joya** 1978– Afghan politician: in *Independent* 22 May 2007

21 I once said cynically of a politician, 'He'll double-cross that bridge when he comes to it.'

- **Oscar Levant** 1906–72 American pianist: *Memoirs of an Amnesiac* (1965)

22 Many people see Eva Peron as either a saint or the incarnation of Satan. That means I can definitely identify with her.

- **Madonna** 1958– American pop singer and actress: in *Newsweek* 5 February 1996

23 did you ever notice that when a politician does get an idea

he usually gets it all wrong.

- **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet and journalist: *archys life of mehitabel* (1933) 'archygrams'

24 You can put lipstick on a pig, but it's still a pig.

- **Barack Obama** 1961– American Democratic statesman: speech in Lebanon, Virginia, 9 September 2008; see *politicians* 27

25 If I saw Mr Haughey buried at midnight at a crossroads, with a stake driven through his heart—politically speaking—I should continue to wear a clove of garlic round my neck, just in case.

- **Conor Cruise O'Brien** 1917–2008 Irish politician, writer, and journalist: in *Observer* 10 October 1982

26 The majority of the members of the Irish parliament are professional politicians, in the sense that otherwise they would not be given jobs minding mice at a crossroads.

- **Flann O'Brien** 1911–66 Irish novelist and journalist: *The Hair of the Dogma* (1977)

27 What's the difference between a hockey mom and a pitbull? Lipstick.

- **Sarah Palin** 1964– American Republican politician: speech to Republican Party convention, 3 September 2008; see *politicians* 24

28 DEMOSTHENES: The Athenians will kill thee, Phocion, should they go crazy. PHOCION: But they will kill thee, should they come to their senses.

- **Phocion** c.402–317 BC Athenian soldier: *Plutarch Life of Phocion and Cato the Younger* (Loeb ed., 1919)

29 Gordon Brown is from Mars, David Cameron is from Venus.

- **Andrew Rawnsley** 1962– English journalist: in *Observer* 19 November 2006

30 He may be a son of a bitch, but he's our son of a bitch.

on *President Somoza of Nicaragua*, 1938

- **Franklin D. Roosevelt** 1882–1945 American Democratic statesman: Jonathon Green *The Book of Political Quotes* (1982)



- 31 *on deciding to run for Governor of California:*  
The most difficult decision I've ever made in my entire life, except for the one in 1978 when I decided to get a bikini wax.  
▪ **Arnold Schwarzenegger** 1947– Austrian-born American actor and Republican politician: on the NBC TV *Tonight Show* 6 August 2003
- 32 *explaining why he avoided meeting MPs:*  
If I knew them, it might spoil the purity of my hatred.  
▪ **Norman Shrapnel** 1912–2004 English journalist: in *Guardian* 3 February 2004
- 33 A politician is a man who understands government, and it takes a politician to run a government. A statesman is a politician who's been dead 10 or 15 years.  
▪ **Harry S. Truman** 1884–1972 American Democratic statesman: in *New York World Telegram and Sun* 12 April 1958
- 34 If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog.  
▪ **Harry S. Truman** 1884–1972 American Democratic statesman: attributed
- 35 I cannot bring myself to vote for a woman who has been voice-trained to speak to me as though my dog has just died.  
*of Margaret Thatcher*  
▪ **Keith Waterhouse** 1929–2009 British journalist and writer: in 1979, attributed
- 36 It's a pity, as my husband says, that more politicians are not bastards by birth instead of vocation.  
▪ **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928– English journalist: in *Observer* 12 January 1964

## Politics

see also **DEMOCRACY, DIPLOMACY, GOVERNMENT, HOUSE OF LORDS, MEMBERS, POLITICAL PARTIES, PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS**

If voting changed anything they'd abolish it. **Ken Livingstone**

- 1 Practical politics consists in ignoring facts.  
▪ **Henry Brooks Adams** 1838–1918 American historian: *The Education of Henry Adams* (1907)
- 2 Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich by promising to protect each from the other.  
▪ **Oscar Ameringer** 1870–1943 American humorist: *Ferdinand Lundberg Scoundrels All* (1968)
- 3 *Je suis Marxiste—tendance Groucho.*  
I am a Marxist—of the Groucho tendency.  
▪ **Anonymous:** slogan found at Nanterre in Paris, 1968
- 4 Vote for the man who promises least; he'll be the least disappointing.  
▪ **Bernard Baruch** 1870–1965 American financier and presidential adviser: *Meyer Berger New York* (1960)
- 5 There are two ways of getting into the Cabinet—you can crawl in or kick your way in.  
▪ **Aneurin Bevan** 1897–1960 British Labour politician: attributed
- 6 *definition of politics:*  
A strife of interests masquerading as a contest of principles. The conduct of public affairs for private advantage.  
▪ **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary* (1967)
- 7 The liberals can understand everything but people who don't understand them.  
▪ **Lenny Bruce** 1925–66 American comedian: John Cohen (ed.) *The Essential Lenny Bruce* (1967)
- 8 Politics is like a chicken-coop, and those inside get to behave as if their little run



- were all the world.
- **John Buchan** 1875-1940 Scottish novelist: *Greenmantle* (1916)
- 9 Have you ever seen a candidate talking to a rich person on television?
    - **Art Buchwald** 1925-2007 American humorist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
  - 10 Dear Chief Secretary, I'm afraid there is no money.
    - **Liam Byrne** 1970- British Labour politician: letter left for his successor as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, David Laws, revealed by Laws, 17 May 2010
  - 11 *to Franklin Roosevelt on the likely duration of the Yalta conference with Stalin:*  
I do not see any other way of realizing our hopes about World Organization in five or six days. Even the Almighty took seven.
    - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: *The Second World War* (1954) vol. 6
  - 12 Politics are almost as exciting as war and quite as dangerous. In war you can only be killed once, but in politics—many times.
    - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: attributed
  - 13 There are no true friends in politics. We are all sharks circling, and waiting, for traces of blood to appear in the water.
    - **Alan Clark** 1928-99 British Conservative politician: diary, 30 November 1990
  - 14 *on being attacked by Egyptian protesters:*  
I felt bad that good tomatoes were wasted.
    - **Hillary Rodham Clinton** 1947- American lawyer and politician: press conference, Washington, 16 July 2012
  - 15 M is for Marx  
And Movement of Masses  
And Massing of Arses.  
And Clashing of Classes.
    - **Cyril Connolly** 1903-74 English writer: 'Where Engels Fears to Tread'
  - 16 The duty of an Opposition [is] very simple...to oppose everything, and propose nothing.
    - **Lord Derby** 1799-1869 British Conservative statesman: quoting 'Mr Tierney, a great Whig authority'; House of Lords 4 June 1841
  - 17 'It's always best on these occasions to do what the mob do.' 'But suppose there are two mobs?' suggested Mr Snodgrass. 'Shout with the largest,' replied Mr Pickwick.
    - **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Pickwick Papers* (1837)
  - 18 Men destined to the highest places should beware of badinage...An insular country subject to fogs, and with a powerful middle class, requires grave statesmen.
    - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Endymion* (1880)
  - 19 *of Labour's 'prawn cocktail offensive' prior to the 1992 election campaign:*  
Never before have so many crustaceans died in vain.
    - **Michael Heseltine** 1933- British Conservative politician: speech, 1992
  - 20 *on Mussolini's allowing himself to be photographed in a bathing suit:*  
A really great statesman doesn't do that.
    - **Adolf Hitler** 1889-1945 German dictator: Joachim C. Fest *The Face of the Third Reich* (1970)
  - 21 My policy on cake is still pro having it and pro eating it!
    - **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: interview in *Observer* 19 October 2008
  - 22 BOSWELL: So, Sir, you laugh at schemes of political improvement.  
JOHNSON: Why, Sir, most schemes of political improvement are very laughable things.
    - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 26 October 1769
  - 23 Gratitude is not a normal feature of political life.
    - **Lord Kilmuir** 1900-67 British Conservative politician and lawyer: *Political Adventure* (1964)



- 24 *on her husband's election as leader of the Labour Party in 1983:*  
I don't see how I can get Neil to help with the shopping ever again.  
▪ **Glenys Kinnock** 1944- British politician: attributed, in *Guardian* 4 October 1994
- 25 Politics is just show business for ugly people.  
▪ **Jay Leno** 1950- American comedian: attributed, 1995
- 26 If voting changed anything they'd abolish it.  
▪ **Ken Livingstone** 1945- British Labour politician: in *Independent* 12 April 1996
- 27 If you want to succeed in politics, you must keep your conscience well under control.  
▪ **David Lloyd George** 1863-1945 British Liberal statesman: Lord Riddell diary 23 April 1919
- 28 Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important.  
*while campaigning for the presidency*  
▪ **Eugene McCarthy** 1916-2005 American Democratic politician: in an interview, 1968
- 29 There are three bodies no sensible man directly challenges: the Roman Catholic Church, the Brigade of Guards and the National Union of Mineworkers.  
▪ **Harold Macmillan** 1894-1986 British Conservative statesman: in *Observer* 22 February 1981
- 30 I have never found in a long experience of politics that criticism is ever inhibited by ignorance.  
▪ **Harold Macmillan** 1894-1986 British Conservative statesman: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 31 *when Rab Butler produced a pile of papers:*  
MACMILLAN: What are those?  
BUTLER: Policies.  
MACMILLAN: Oh, I beg you, not policies. They come back to haunt you. Give them broad sunlit uplands, dear boy.  
▪ **Harold Macmillan** 1894-1986 British Conservative statesman: at a meeting in the family home, Birch Grove in Sussex, recalled by Macmillan's grandson, the Earl of Stockton; attributed, in *Times* 16 July 2006
- 32 *on privatization:*  
First of all the Georgian silver goes, and then all that nice furniture that used to be in the saloon. Then the Canalettos go.  
▪ **Harold Macmillan** 1894-1986 British Conservative statesman: speech to the Tory Reform Group, 8 November 1985
- 33 A political culture that has no time for lunch is no culture at all.  
▪ **Andrew Marr** 1959- British journalist: in *Independent* 11 January 2003
- 34 WOMAN HECKLER: I wouldn't vote for you if you were the Archangel Gabriel.  
MENZIES: If I were the Archangel Gabriel, madam, I'm afraid you would not be in my constituency.  
▪ **Robert Gordon Menzies** 1894-1978 Australian Liberal statesman: R. Robinson *The Wit of Sir Robert Menzies* (1966)
- 35 Politics is the diversion of trivial men who, when they succeed at it, become important in the eyes of more trivial men.  
▪ **George Jean Nathan** 1882-1958 American critic: attributed
- 36 When I want a peerage, I shall buy it like an honest man.  
▪ **Lord Northcliffe** 1865-1922 British newspaper proprietor: Tom Driberg *Swaff* (1974)
- 37 It's important to realize that I was actually black before the election.  
*on racism*  
▪ **Barack Obama** 1961- American Democratic statesman: interview, *The Late Show with David Letterman* 21 September 2009
- 38 Politics are, like God's infinite mercy, a last resort.  
▪ **P.J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Parliament of Whores* (1991)
- 39 Men enter local politics solely as a result of being unhappily married.  
▪ **C. Northcote Parkinson** 1909-93 English writer: *Parkinson's Law* (1958)
- 40 Have I inadvertently said something foolish?  
*upon his opinion being cheered by the populace*  
▪ **Phocion** c.402-317 BC Athenian soldier: Plutarch *Parallel Lives* 'Phocion'



- 41 Politics is supposed to be the second oldest profession. I have come to realize that it bears a very close resemblance to the first.
- **Ronald Reagan** 1911-2004 American Republican statesman: at a conference in Los Angeles, 2 March 1977
- 42 Status quo, you know, that is Latin for 'the mess we're in'.
- **Ronald Reagan** 1911-2004 American Republican statesman: speech, Washington, 16 March 1981
- 43 Politics is not a bad profession. If you succeed there are many rewards, if you disgrace yourself you can always write a book.
- **Ronald Reagan** 1911-2004 American Republican statesman: attributed
- 44 Communism is like prohibition, it's a good idea but it won't work.
- **Will Rogers** 1879-1935 American actor and humorist: in 1927; *Weekly Articles* (1981) vol. 3
- 45 It's not cricket to picket.
- **Harold Rome** 1908-93 American songwriter: song-title (1937)
- 46 He knows nothing; and he thinks he knows everything. That points clearly to a political career.
- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Major Barbara* (1907)
- 47 Nature has no cure for this sort of madness [Marxism], though I have known a legacy from a rich relative work wonders.
- **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: *Law, Life and Letters* (1927)
- 48 Minorities...are almost always in the right.
- **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: H. Pearson *The Smith of Smiths* (1934)
- 49 An independent is a guy who wants to take the politics out of politics.
- **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: Bill Adler *The Stevenson Wit* (1966)
- 50 WOMAN AT A RALLY: Governor, every thinking person will be voting for you. STEVENSON: Madam, that's not enough. I need a majority.
- campaigning against Eisenhower*
- **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: attributed
- 51 I always cheer up immensely if an attack is particularly wounding because I think, well, if they attack me personally, it means they have not a single political argument left.
- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925-2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in 1975; *Iain Dale As I Said to Denis* (1997)
- 52 The country is going down the drain, and they are squabbling about the size of the plughole.
- **Jeremy Thorpe** 1929-2014 British Liberal politician: in *Time*, 1975
- 53 The people have spoke—the bastards. *after being defeated in the California Senate primary c.1962; usually quoted as 'The people have spoken—the bastards'*
- **Dick Tuck** 1924- American Democratic politician: in *Time* 13 August 1973
- 54 on Marxism, from an expert on ants: Wonderful theory, wrong species.
- **Edward O. Wilson** 1929- American sociobiologist: in *Los Angeles Times* 21 October 1994



# Poverty

see also **DEBT, MONEY**

It's no disgrace t'be poor, but it might as well be. **Frank McKinney Hubbard**

- 1 It's the same the whole world over,  
It's the poor wot gets the blame,  
It's the rich wot gets the gravy.  
Ain't it all a bleedin' shame?  
▪ **Anonymous**: 'She was Poor but she was Honest'; sung by British soldiers in the First World War
- 2 Anyone who has ever struggled  
with poverty knows how extremely  
expensive it is to be poor.  
▪ **James Baldwin** 1924-87 American novelist  
and essayist: *Nobody Knows My Name*  
(1961) 'Fifth Avenue, Uptown: a letter from  
Harlem'
- 3 What throws a monkey wrench in  
A fella's good intention?  
That nasty old invention—  
Necessity!  
▪ **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American  
songwriter: 'Necessity' (1947)
- 4 It's no disgrace t'be poor, but it might  
as well be.  
▪ **Frank McKinney Hubbard** 1868-1930  
American humorist: *Short Furrows* (1911)
- 5 We were so poor that if we woke up on  
Christmas day without an erection, we  
had nothing to play with.  
▪ **Frank McCourt** 1930-2009 Irish writer:  
attributed, in *Observer* 16 November 1997
- 6 If only Bapu [Gandhi] knew the cost of  
setting him up in poverty!  
▪ **Sarojini Naidu** 1879-1949 Indian politician:  
*A. Campbell-Johnson Mission with  
Mountbatten* (1951)
- 7 Look at me. Worked myself up from  
nothing to a state of extreme poverty.  
▪ **S. J. Perelman** 1904-79 and others  
screenwriters: *Monkey Business* (1931 film)
- 8 Poverty is no disgrace to a man, but it is  
confoundedly inconvenient.  
▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman  
and essayist: *J. Potter Briscoe Sydney Smith:  
His Wit and Wisdom* (1900)
- 9 He was a gentleman who was generally  
spoken of as having nothing a-year, paid  
quarterly.  
▪ **R. S. Surtees** 1805-64 English novelist:  
*Mr Sponge's Sporting Tour* (1853)
- 10 As for the virtuous poor, one can  
pity them, of course, but one cannot  
possibly admire them.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and  
poet: *Sebastian Melmoth* (1891)
- 11 Like dear St Francis of Assisi I am  
wedded to Poverty: but in my case the  
marriage is not a success.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and  
poet: letter June 1899

# Power

The Pope! How many divisions has he got? **Joseph Stalin**

- 1 She cannot see an institution without  
- hitting it with her handbag.  
*of Margaret Thatcher*  
▪ **Julian Critchley** 1930-2000 British  
Conservative politician and journalist: in  
*Times* 21 June 1982
- 2 So long as men worship the Caesars  
and Napoleons, Caesars and Napoleons  
will duly arise and make them  
miserable.  
▪ **Aldous Huxley** 1894-1963 English novelist:  
*Ends and Means* (1937)



- 3 I don't want loyalty. I want *loyalty*. I want him to kiss my ass in Macy's window at high noon and tell me it smells like roses. I want his pecker in my pocket.
  - **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: David Halberstam *The Best and the Brightest* (1972)
- 4 Better to have him inside the tent pissing out, than outside pissing in.
  - of *J. Edgar Hoover*
  - **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: David Halberstam *The Best and the Brightest* (1972)
- 5 Knowledge is power, if you know it about the right person.
  - **Ethel Watts Mumford** 1878-1940 American writer and humorist: attributed
- 6 Castro couldn't even go to the bathroom unless the Soviet Union put the nickel in the toilet.
  - **Richard Milhous Nixon** 1913-94 American Republican statesman: interview, September 1980
- 7 Powerful men often succeed through the help of their wives. Powerful women only succeed in spite of their husbands.
  - **Lynda Lee-Potter** 1935-2004 British journalist: in *Daily Mail* 16 May 1984
- 8 I'll make him an offer he can't refuse.
  - **Mario Puzo** 1920-99 American novelist: *The Godfather* (1969)
- 9 Seven months ago I could give a single command and 541,000 people would immediately obey it. Today I can't get a plumber to come to my house.
  - **H. Norman Schwarzkopf III** 1934-2012 American general: in *Newsweek* 11 November 1991
- 10 The Pope! How many divisions has he got?
  - on being asked to encourage Catholicism in Russia by way of conciliating the Pope
  - **Joseph Stalin** 1879-1953 Soviet dictator: on 13 May 1935

## Praise and Flattery

What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.

**George Bernard Shaw**

- 1 I once had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But then I read the description in the catalogue: no good in a bed, but fine up against a wall.
  - **Anonymous**: saying, very recently associated with Eleanor Roosevelt
- 2 The advantage of doing one's praising for oneself is that one can lay it on so thick and exactly in the right places.
  - **Samuel Butler** 1835-1902 English novelist: *The Way of All Flesh* (1903) ch. 34
- 3 If a man is vain, flatter. If timid, flatter. If boastful, flatter. In all history, too much flattery never lost a gentleman.
  - **Kathryn Cravens** 1898-1991 American broadcaster: *Pursuit of Gentlemen* (1951)
- 4 We authors, Ma'am.
  - to *Queen Victoria* after the publication of *Leaves from the Journal of our Life* in the Highlands in 1868
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: Elizabeth Longford *Victoria R.I.* (1964); attributed
- 5 The others were only my wives. But you, my dear, will be my widow.
  - allaying his fifth wife's jealousy of his previous wives
  - **Sacha Guitry** 1885-1957 French actor and dramatist: attributed
- 6 I live for your agglomerated lucubrations.
  - to *H. G. Wells*
  - **Henry James** 1843-1916 American novelist: letter, 18 November 1902
- 7 [Women] hate flattery, so they tell you; and when you say, 'Ah, darling, it isn't flattery in your case, it's plain, sober truth; you really are, without



exaggeration, the most beautiful...the most perfect human creature...' they will smile a quiet approving smile.

- **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: *Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow* (1886)

8 To refuse to accept praise is to want to be praised twice over.

- **Duc de la Rochefoucauld** 1613-80 French moralist: *Maxims* (1678)

9 Nine out of ten males will believe anything, especially if it confirms their virility.

- **Andrea Martin** 1947- American actress: attributed; *Mary Unterbrink Funny Women* (1987)

10 What really flatters a man is that you think him worth flattering.

- **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *John Bull's Other Island* (1907)

11 Among the smaller duties of life, I hardly know one more important than that of not praising where praise is not due.

- **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Saba Holland Memoir* (1855)

12 I suppose flattery hurts no one, that is, if he doesn't inhale.

- **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: television broadcast, 30 March 1952

## Pregnancy see BIRTH AND PREGNANCY

# Prejudice and Tolerance

*Tolerance is only another name for indifference.* **W. Somerset Maugham**

1 You take the girl, and I'll keep the car, okay?

*to a policeman, on being stopped in Philadelphia while driving his Ferrari with a white woman passenger*

- **Miles Davis** 1926-91 American jazz musician: John Szwed *So What: the life of Miles Davis* (2002)

2 Being a star has made it possible for me to get insulted in places where the average Negro could never *hope* to go and get insulted.

- **Sammy Davis Jnr.** 1925-90 American entertainer: *Yes I Can* (1965)

3 I am free of all prejudice. I hate everyone equally.

- **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: attributed, in *Saturday Review* 28 January 1967

4 CONGRESSMAN STARNES: You are quoting from this Marlowe. Is he a Communist?

HALLIE FLANAGAN: I am very sorry. I was

quoting from Christopher Marlowe.

- **Hallie Flanagan** 1890-1969 American theatre director: in hearing on the Federal Theatre Project by the House Un-American Activities Committee, 6 December 1938

5 Wouldn't it be a hell of a thing if all this was burnt cork and you people were being tolerant for nothing?

- **Dick Gregory** 1932- American comedian and civil rights activist: *Nigger* (1965)

6 You gotta say this for the white race—its self-confidence knows no bounds. Who else could go to a small island in the South Pacific where there's no poverty, no crime, no unemployment, no war and no worry—and call it a 'primitive society'?

- **Dick Gregory** 1932- American comedian and civil rights activist: *From the Back of the Bus* (1962)

7 Without the aid of prejudice and custom, I should not be able to find my way across the room.

- **William Hazlitt** 1778-1830 English essayist: 'On Prejudice' (1830)



- 8 If there were any of Australia's original inhabitants living in Melbourne they were kept well out of the way of nice people; unless, of course, they could sing.
  - **Barry Humphries** 1934- Australian actor and writer: *More Please* (1992)
- 9 When they call you articulate, that's another way of saying 'He talks good for a black guy'.
  - **Ice-T** 1958- American rap musician: in *Independent* 30 December 1995 'Interviews of the Year'
- 10 Though I've belted you and flayed you,  
By the livin' Gawd that made you,  
You're a better man than I am, Gunga Din!
  - **Rudyard Kipling** 1865-1936 English writer and poet: 'Gunga Din' (1892)
- 11 *refused admittance to a smart Californian beach club:*  
Since my daughter is only half-Jewish,  
could she go in the water up to her knees?
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: in *Observer* 21 August 1977
- 12 Tolerance is only another name for indifference.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *A Writer's Notebook* (1949) written in 1896
- 13 The South African police would leave no stone unturned to see that nothing disturbed the even terror of their lives.
  - **Tom Sharpe** 1928-2013 British novelist: *Indecent Exposure* (1973)
- 14 You must always look for the *Ulsterior* motive.  
*of C. S. Lewis as an Ulsterman*
  - **J. R. R. Tolkien** 1892-1973 British philologist and writer: *A. N. Wilson Life of C. S. Lewis* (1986)

## Present see PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

# Presidents

see also **POLITICIANS, POLITICS**

The vice-presidency isn't worth a pitcher of warm piss. **John Nance Garner**

- 1 Richard Nixon impeached himself. He gave us Gerald Ford as his revenge.
  - **Bella Abzug** 1920-98 American Democratic politician: in *Rolling Stone*; Linda Botts *Loose Talk* (1980)
- 2 Anybody that wants the presidency so much that he'll spend two years organizing and campaigning for it is not to be trusted with the office.
  - **David Broder** 1929- American columnist: in *Washington Post* 18 July 1973
- 3 *of President Nixon:*  
I worship the quicksand he walks on.
  - **Art Buchwald** 1925-2007 American humorist: attributed, 1974
- 4 The US presidency is a Tudor monarchy plus telephones.
  - **Anthony Burgess** 1917-93 English novelist and critic: George Plimpton (ed.) *Writers at Work* 4th Series (1977)
- 5 I said to him the other day, 'George, if you really want to end tyranny in this world, you're going to have to stay up later'...Nine o'clock and Mr Excitement here is in bed, and I am watching *Desperate Housewives*.  
*on George W. Bush's habit of being in bed by 9 p.m.*
  - **Laura Bush** 1946- American First Lady: White House Correspondents' Association dinner, 30 April 2005



- 6 God Almighty was satisfied with Ten Commandments. Mr Wilson requires Fourteen Points.
  - **Georges Clemenceau** 1841-1929 French statesman: during the Peace Conference negotiations in 1919; Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 7 Being president is like running a cemetery; you've got a lot of people under you and nobody's listening.
  - **Bill Clinton** 1946- American Democratic statesman: speech in Galesburg, Illinois, 10 January 1995
- 8 A hard dog to keep on the porch. *on her husband, Bill Clinton*
  - **Hillary Rodham Clinton** 1947- American lawyer and Democratic politician: in *Guardian* 2 August 1999
- 9 It is a great advantage to a President, and a major source of safety to the country, for him to know he is not a great man.
  - **Calvin Coolidge** 1872-1933 American Republican statesman: *Autobiography* (1929)
- 10 Mr Speaker, the Honourable Gentleman has conceived three times and brought forth nothing. *when Lincoln, making his first speech in the Illinois legislature, had three times begun 'Mr Speaker, I conceive'*
  - **Stephen A. Douglas** 1813-61 American politician: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 11 *on his office:*  
The vice-presidency isn't worth a pitcher of warm piss.
  - **John Nance Garner** 1868-1967 American Democratic politician: O. C. Fisher *Cactus Jack* (1978) ch. 11
- 12 I was happy when I first heard Ronald Reagan was running for the presidency. I've always thought, once you're in show business you should stay in it.
  - **Bob Hope** 1903-2003 American comedian: attributed
- 13 So dumb he can't fart and chew gum at the same time. *of Gerald Ford*
  - **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: Richard Reeves *A Ford, not a Lincoln* (1975)
- 14 Ronald Reagan, the President who never told bad news to the American people.
  - **Garrison Keillor** 1942- American humorous writer and broadcaster: *We Are Still Married* (1989), introduction
- 15 The pay is good and I can walk to work. *on becoming President of the U.S.A.*
  - **John F. Kennedy** 1917-63 American Democratic statesman: attributed; James B. Simpson (ed.) *Simpson's Contemporary Quotations* (1988)
- 16 BARBARA WALTERS: What would be your first act on becoming President?  
JOHN F. KENNEDY JNR: Call Uncle Teddy and gloat.
  - **John F. Kennedy Jnr.** 1960-99 American lawyer: in *Sunday Telegraph* 25 July 1999; recalled by Ted Kennedy at his nephew's memorial service on 23 July 1999
- 17 He looked at me as if I was a side dish he hadn't ordered. *referring to President Taft*
  - **Ring Lardner** 1885-1933 American writer: attributed, in A. K. Adams *The Home Book of Humorous Quotations* (1969)
- 18 He [Calvin Coolidge] slept more than any other President, whether by day or by night. Nero fiddled, but Coolidge only snored.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: in *American Mercury* April 1933
- 19 The battle for the mind of Ronald Reagan was like the trench warfare of World War I. Never have so many fought so hard for such barren terrain.
  - **Peggy Noonan** 1950- American writer: *What I Saw at the Revolution* (1990)
- 20 I trust Bush with my daughter, but I trust Clinton with my job.
  - **Craig Paterson**: in *Independent* 1 February 2003
- 21 Poor George, he can't help it—he was born with a silver foot in his mouth. *of George Bush Snr*
  - **Ann Richards** 1933-2006 American Democratic politician: keynote speech at the Democratic convention, in *Independent* 20 July 1988



- 22 McKinley has no more backbone than a chocolate éclair!
- **Theodore Roosevelt** 1858–1919 American Republican statesman: Harry Thurston Peck *Twenty Years of the Republic* (1906)
- 23 on his outspoken daughter Alice Roosevelt Longworth  
I can do one of two things. I can be president of the United States or I can control Alice. I cannot possibly do both.
- **Theodore Roosevelt** 1858–1919 American Republican statesman: John Lewis-Stempel *Fatherhood: An Anthology* (2001)
- 24 He didn't inhale, he didn't insert. He won't invade.  
on Bill Clinton and Kosovo
- **Neil Shand**: *Loose Ends* monologue, 1999
- 25 of Eisenhower's presidential campaign in 1956: The General has dedicated himself so many times he must feel like the cornerstone of a public building.
- **Adlai Stevenson** 1900–65 American Democratic politician: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 26 He'll sit right here and he'll say do this, do that! And nothing will happen. Poor Ike—it won't be a bit like the Army.
- **Harry S. Truman** 1884–1972 American Democratic statesman: *Harry S. Truman* (1973); see
- 27 A triumph of the embalmer's art.  
of Ronald Reagan
- **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American writer: in *Observer* 26 April 1981

# Prime Ministers

see also **POLITICIANS, POLITICS**

Every Prime Minister needs a Willie. **Margaret Thatcher**

- 1 of Gordon Brown:  
A man who can lighten a room by leaving it.
  - 2 It is fitting that we should have buried the Unknown Prime Minister [Bonar Law] by the side of the Unknown Soldier.
  - 3 He [Lloyd George] can't see a belt without hitting below it.
  - 4 Few thought he was even a starter  
There were many who thought themselves smarter  
But he ended PM  
CH and OM
  - 5 There are three classes which need sanctuary more than others—birds, wild flowers, and Prime Ministers.
  - 6 [Lloyd George] did not seem to care which way he travelled providing he was in the driver's seat.
  - 7 Sir! you have disappointed us!  
We had intended you to be  
The next Prime Minister but three:  
The stocks were sold; the Press was squared;
- **Anonymous**: Tom Bower *Gordon Brown* (2004)
  - **Herbert Asquith** 1852–1928 British Liberal statesman: Robert Blake *The Unknown Prime Minister* (1955)
  - **Margot Asquith** 1864–1945 British political hostess: in *Listener* 11 June 1953 'Margot Oxford' by Lady Violet Bonham Carter
  - **Clement Attlee** 1883–1967 British Labour statesman: describing himself, letter to Tom Attlee, 8 April 1956
  - **Stanley Baldwin** 1867–1947 British Conservative statesman: in *Observer* 24 May 1925
  - **Lord Beaverbrook** 1879–1964 Canadian-born British newspaper proprietor and Conservative politician: *The Decline and Fall of Lloyd George* (1963)



- The Middle Class was quite prepared.  
But as it is!...My language fails!  
Go out and govern New South Wales!
- **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Lord Lundy' (1907)
- 8 Listening to a speech by Chamberlain is like paying a visit to Woolworth's: everything in its place and nothing above sixpence.
- **Aneurin Bevan** 1897-1960 British Labour politician: Michael Foot *Aneurin Bevan* (1962) vol.1
- 9 HOW DARE YOU BECOME PRIME MINISTER WHEN I'M AWAY GREAT LOVE CONSTANT THOUGHT VIOLET.  
*to her father, H. H. Asquith, 7 April 1908*
- **Violet Bonham Carter** 1887-1969 British Liberal politician: Mark Bonham Carter and Mark Pottle (eds.) *Lantern Slides* (1996)
- 10 If he ever went to school without any boots it was because he was too big for them.  
*referring to Harold Wilson*
- **Ivor Bulmer-Thomas** 1905-93 British Conservative politician: speech at the Conservative Party Conference, in *Manchester Guardian* 13 October 1949
- 11 That's the trouble with Anthony—half mad baronet, half beautiful woman.  
*of Anthony Eden*
- **R. A. Butler** 1902-82 British Conservative politician: attributed
- 12 Ah yes, the foreign affairs debate.  
Dear Anthony will make the speech which dear Anthony always makes so well.  
*on Anthony Eden*
- **R. A. Butler** 1902-82 British Conservative politician: attributed; in *Spectator* 14 June 2003
- 13 Pitt is to Addington  
As London is to Paddington.
- **George Canning** 1770-1827 British Tory statesman: 'The Oracle' (c.1803)
- 14 For the purposes of recreation he [Gladstone] has selected the felling of trees, and we may usefully remark that his amusements, like his politics, are essentially destructive...The forest laments in order that Mr Gladstone may perspire.
- **Lord Randolph Churchill** 1849-94 British Conservative politician: speech on Financial Reform, delivered in Blackpool, 24 January 1884
- 15 *comparing Herbert Asquith with Arthur Balfour:*  
The difference between him and Arthur is that Arthur is wicked and moral, Asquith is good and immoral.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: E. T. Raymond *Mr Balfour* (1920)
- 16 He occasionally stumbled over the truth, but hastily picked himself up and hurried on as if nothing had happened.  
*of Stanley Baldwin*
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: J. L. Lane (ed.) *The Sayings of Winston Churchill* (1992)
- 17 COMMENT: One never hears of Baldwin nowadays — he might as well be dead. CHURCHILL: No, not dead. But the candle in that great turnip has gone out.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: Harold Nicolson's diary, August 1950
- 18 An empty taxi arrived at 10 Downing Street, and when the door was opened Attlee got out.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: attributed to Churchill, but strongly repudiated by him; Kenneth Harris Attlee (1982)
- 19 [Clement Attlee is] a modest man who has a good deal to be modest about.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: in *Chicago Sunday Tribune Magazine of Books* 27 June 1954
- 20 A sheep in sheep's clothing.  
*of Clement Attlee*
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: Lord Home *The Way the Wind Blows* (1976)
- 21 *on stepping from his bath in the presence of a startled President Roosevelt:*  
The Prime Minister has nothing to



- hide from the President of the United States.
- **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: as recalled by Roosevelt's son in *Churchill* (BBC television series presented by Martin Gilbert, 1992)
- 22 *Disraeli was asked on what, offering himself for Marylebone, he intended to stand:*  
On my head.
- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Lord Beaconsfield's Correspondence with his Sister 1832-1852* (1886)
- 23 Margaret Thatcher has added the diplomacy of Alf Garnett to the economics of Arthur Daley.
- **Denis Healey** 1917- British Labour politician: in *Observer* 31 December 1989
- 24 INTERVIEWER: What three skills should every great Prime Minister have? Did you have them?  
HEATH: Patience, stamina and good luck. Two out of three isn't bad!
- **Edward Heath** 1916-2005 British Conservative statesman: in *Independent* 25 November 1998
- 25 It was not totally inconceivable that she could have joined me as my wife at No. 10.  
*on the TV starlet Jayne Mansfield*
- **Edward Heath** 1916-2005 British Conservative statesman: in *Sunday Times* 6 February 2000
- 26 He is a mixture of Harry Houdini and a greased piglet...Nailing Blair is like trying to pin jelly to a wall.  
*on the Hutton Report on the Iraq War*
- **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 29 January 2004
- 27 *on being asked what place Arthur Balfour would have in history:*  
He will be just like the scent on a pocket handkerchief.
- **David Lloyd George** 1863-1945 British Liberal statesman: Thomas Jones diary, 9 June 1922
- 28 [Churchill] would make a drum out of the skin of his mother in order to sound his own praises.
- **David Lloyd George** 1863-1945 British Liberal statesman: Paul Johnson (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Political Anecdotes* (1986)
- 29 He might make an adequate Lord Mayor of Birmingham in a lean year.  
*of Neville Chamberlain, whose family came from Birmingham*
- **David Lloyd George** 1863-1945 British Liberal statesman: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 30 Well, it was the best I could do, seated as I was between Jesus Christ and Napoleon Bonaparte.  
*on the outcome of the Peace Conference negotiations in 1919 between himself, Woodrow Wilson, and Georges Clemenceau*
- **David Lloyd George** 1863-1945 British Liberal statesman: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 31 *after forming the National Government, 25 August 1931:*  
Tomorrow every Duchess in London will be wanting to kiss me!
- **Ramsay MacDonald** 1866-1937 British Labour statesman: Viscount Snowden *An Autobiography* (1934)
- 32 A C-3PO made of ham. His resemblance to a slightly camp gammon robot is extraordinary.  
*on David Cameron*
- **Caitlin Moran** 1975- English journalist: in *Times* 13 March 2010
- 33 He was not only a bore; he bored for England.  
*of Anthony Eden*
- **Malcolm Muggeridge** 1903-90 British journalist: *Tread Softly* (1966)
- 34 A big cat detained briefly in a poodle parlour, sharpening her claws on the velvet.  
*of Lady Thatcher in the House of Lords*
- **Matthew Parris** 1949- British journalist and former politician: *Look Behind You!* (1993)
- 35 Every Prime Minister needs a Willie.  
*at the farewell dinner for William Whitelaw*
- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925-2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in *Guardian* 7 August 1991



- 36 The House has done me a great honour by commissioning this fine and imposing statue. I might have preferred iron, but bronze will do.  
*unveiling a statue of herself in the Members Lobby in the House of Commons*
- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925–2013 British Conservative stateswoman: on 21 February 2007
- 37 If my critics saw me walking over the Thames, they would say it was because I couldn't swim.
- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925–2013 British Conservative stateswoman: attributed, but probably apocryphal

- 38 In the 1964 Government...I had to occupy almost every position on the field, goalkeeper, defence, attack—I had to take the corner-kicks and penalties, administer to the wounded and bring on the lemons at half-time.
- **Harold Wilson** 1916–95 British Labour statesman: *Final Term: The Labour Government* 1974–76 (1979)

# Progress

see also **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY**

A swell house with...all the modern inconveniences. **Mark Twain**

- All progress is based upon a universal innate desire on the part of every organism to live beyond its income.
  - **Samuel Butler** 1835–1902 English novelist: *Notebooks* (1912)
- Now, *here*, you see, it takes all the running *you* can do, to keep in the same place. If you want to get somewhere else, you must run at least twice as fast as that!
  - **Lewis Carroll** 1832–98 English writer and logician: *Through the Looking-Glass* (1872)
- To you, Baldrick, the Renaissance was just something that happened to other people, wasn't it?
  - **Richard Curtis** 1956– and **Ben Elton** 1959– screenwriters: *Blackadder II* (1987) television series
- The civilized man has built a coach, but has lost the use of his feet.
  - **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 1803–82 American philosopher and poet: 'Self-Reliance' (1841)
- on being asked what he thought of modern civilization:  
That would be a good idea.
  - **Mahatma Gandhi** 1869–1948 Indian statesman: while visiting England in 1930, E. F. Schumacher *Good Work* (1979)
- In my youth there were words you couldn't say in front of a girl; now you can't say 'girl'.
  - **Tom Lehrer** 1928– American humorist: in *Sunday Telegraph* 10 March 1996 'Spirits of the Age'
- Progress might have been all right once, but it has gone on too long.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: attributed
- You can't say civilization don't advance, however, for in every war they kill you in a new way.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879–1935 American actor and humorist: in *New York Times* 23 December 1929
- A swell house with...all the modern inconveniences.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Life on the Mississippi* (1883)



# Publishing

I suppose publishers are untrustworthy. They certainly always look it.

Oscar Wilde

- 1 *telegram from an impatient author who had sent her play to a theatrical management:*  
AUTHOR: Please give immediate decision; have other irons in the fire.  
MANAGEMENT: Suggest removing irons and inserting manuscript.  
▪ **Anonymous:** Christine Campbell Thomson *I am a Literary Agent* (1951)
- 2 *of an author who was executed for murdering his publisher:*  
When the author was on the scaffold he said goodbye to the minister and to the reporters, and then he saw some publishers sitting in the front row below, and to them he did not say goodbye. He said instead, 'I'll see you later.'  
▪ **J. M. Barrie** 1860–1937 Scottish writer and dramatist: speech at Aldine Club, New York, 5 November 1896
- 3 In a profession where simple accountancy is preferable to a degree in English, illiteracy is not considered to be a great drawback.  
▪ **Dominic Behan** 1928– Irish writer: *The Public World of Parable Jones* (1989)
- 4 The world needs your book, just not many copies of it.  
▪ **Derek Brewer** 1923–2008 British academic and publisher: to an author, in *Times* 18 November 2008
- 5 The poem will please if it is lively—if it is stupid it will fail—but I will have none of your damned cutting and slashing.  
▪ **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: letter to his publisher John Murray, 6 April 1819
- 6 *at a literary dinner during the Napoleonic Wars, Thomas Campbell proposed a toast to Napoleon:*  
Gentlemen, you must not mistake me. I admit that the French Emperor is a tyrant. I admit he is a monster. I admit that he is the sworn foe of our nation, and, if you will, of the whole human race. But, gentlemen, we must be just to our great enemy. We must not forget that he once shot a bookseller.  
▪ **Thomas Campbell** 1777–1844 Scottish poet: G. O. Trevelyan *The Life of Lord Macaulay* (1876)
- 7 Aren't we due a royalty statement? to his literary agent  
▪ **Charles, Prince of Wales** 1948– heir apparent to the British throne: Giles Gordon *Aren't We Due a Royalty Statement?* (1993)
- 8 *on being sent the manuscript of Travels with my Aunt, Greene's American publishers had cabled, 'Terrific book, but we'll need to change the title':*  
No need to change title. Easier to change publishers.  
▪ **Graham Greene** 1904–91 English novelist: telegram to his American publishers in 1968; Giles Gordon *Aren't We Due a Royalty Statement?* (1993)
- 9 Manuscript: something submitted in haste and returned at leisure.  
▪ **Oliver Herford** 1863–1935 English-born American humorist: attributed
- 10 The relationship of an agent to a publisher is that of a knife to a throat.  
▪ **Marvin Josephson** American agent: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 11 A publisher who writes is like a cow in a milk bar.  
▪ **Arthur Koestler** 1905–83 Hungarian-born writer: Jonathon Green (ed.) *A Dictionary of Contemporary Quotations* (1982)
- 12 And he dreamed the dream of all those who publish books, which was to have so much gold in your pockets that you would have to employ two people just to hold your trousers up.  
▪ **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Maskerade* (1995)



- 13 I suppose publishers are untrustworthy. They certainly always look it.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: letter February 1898
- 14 All a publisher has to do is write cheques at intervals, while a lot of deserving and industrious chappies rally round and do the real work.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English-born writer: *My Man Jeeves* (1919)
- 15 Being published by the Oxford University Press is rather like being married to a duchess: the honour is almost greater than the pleasure.
  - **G. M. Young** 1882-1959 English historian: Rupert Hart-Davis letter to George Lyttelton, 29 April 1956

## Punishment see CRIME AND PUNISHMENT

## Puns

see also **WIT**

You can lead a horticulture, but you can't make her think. **Dorothy Parker**

- 1 Hanging is too good for a man who makes puns; he should be drawn and quoted.
  - **Fred Allen** 1894-1956 American humorist: attributed; Laurence Peter *Quotations for Our Time* (1996)
- 2 An ill-favoured thing, but Minoan. *supposedly a comment by the archaeologist Sir Arthur Evans on finding a fragment of Cretan pottery*
  - **Anonymous**: in 'Quote...Unquote' Newsletter, April 1995
- 3 *to incoming Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, following Samuel Hoare's resignation, 1935: I said to your predecessor: 'You know what they're all saying, no more coals to Newcastle, no more Hoares to Paris.' The fellow didn't even laugh.*
  - **George V** 1865-1936 British king: Earl of Avon *Facing the Dictators* (1962)
- 4 *explaining her mother's insistence on taking her own bidet with her when she travelled: My poor, dear mother suffers from a bidet-fixe.*
  - **Karen Lancaster** d. 1964: Osbert Lancaster *With an Eye to the Future* (1967)
- 5 Many of us can still remember the social nuisance of the inveterate punster. This man followed conversation as a shark follows a ship.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: *The Boy I Left Behind Me* (1947)
- 6 Broadbosomed, bold, becalm'd, benign Lies Balham foursquare on the Northern Line. Matched by no marvel save in Eastern scene, A rose-red city half as gold as green.
  - **Frank Muir** 1920-98 and **Denis Norden** 1922- : 'Balham-Gateway to the South' Third Division (BBC Third Programme, 1948); Nigel Rees (ed.) *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 7 She was as happy as the dey was long, of the relationship between Caroline of Brunswick, estranged wife of George IV, and the dey (or governor) of Algiers
  - **Lord Norbury** 1745-1831: attributed; Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1998)
- 8 A jester unemployed is nobody's fool.
  - **Norman Panama** 1914-2003 and **Melvin Frank** 1913-88 American screenwriters: *The Court Jester* (1955 film), spoken by Danny Kaye as Hubert Hawkins



- 9 *on her abortion:*  
It serves me right for putting all my eggs in one bastard.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: John Keats *You Might as well Live* (1970)
- 10 You can lead a horticulture, but you can't make her think.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: John Keats *You Might as well Live* (1970)
- 11 'I want to be a lawn.' Greta Garbo.  
▪ **W. C. Sellar** 1898–1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898–1968: *Garden Rubbish* (1930); chapter heading
- 12 *of Sir Charles Napier's conquest of Sindh: Peccavi—I have Sindh.*  
*reworking Latin peccavi I have sinned*  
▪ **Catherine Winkworth** 1827–78 English hymnwriter: in *Punch* 18 May 1844, supposedly sent by Napier to Lord Ellenborough

## Quotations

I always have a quotation for everything—it saves original thinking.

**Dorothy L. Sayers**

- 1 It isn't difficult, you know, to be witty or amusing when one has something to say that is destructive, but damned hard to be clever and quotable when you are singing someone's praises.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: William Marchant *The Pleasure of His Company* (1981)
- 2 I know heaps of quotations, so I can always make quite a fair show of knowledge.  
▪ **O. Douglas** 1877–1948 Scottish writer: *The Setons* (1917)
- 3 Next to the originator of a good sentence is the first quoter of it.  
▪ **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 1803–82 American philosopher and poet: *Letters and Social Aims* (1876)
- 4 *advice for House of Commons quotations:*  
No Greek; as much Latin as you like; never French in any circumstance: no English poet unless he has completed his century.  
▪ **Charles James Fox** 1749–1806 English Whig politician: J. A. Gere and John Sparrow (eds.) *Geoffrey Madan's Notebooks* (1981)
- 5 You can get a happy quotation anywhere if you have the eye.  
▪ **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.** 1841–1935 American lawyer: letter to Harold Laski, 31 May 1923
- 6 You must not treat my immortal works as quarries to be used at will by the various hacks whom you may employ to compile anthologies.  
▪ **A. E. Housman** 1859–1936 English poet: letter to his publisher Grant Richards, 29 June 1907
- 7 He liked those literary cooks  
Who skim the cream of others' books;  
And ruin half an author's graces  
By plucking bon-mots from their places.  
▪ **Hannah More** 1745–1833 English writer: *Florio* (1786)
- 8 His works contain nothing worth quoting; and a book that furnishes no quotations is, *me judice*, no book—it's a plaything.  
▪ **Thomas Love Peacock** 1785–1866 English novelist and poet: *Crotchet Castle* (1831)
- 9 A widely-read man never quotes accurately, for the rather obvious reason that he has read too widely.  
▪ **Hesketh Pearson** 1887–1964 English actor and biographer: *Common Misquotations* (1934) introduction
- 10 An anthology is like all the plums and orange peel picked out of a cake.  
▪ **Walter Raleigh** 1861–1922 English lecturer and critic: letter to Mrs Robert Bridges, 15 January 1915



- 11 I always have a quotation for everything—it saves original thinking.
  - **Dorothy L. Sayers** 1893–1957 English writer: *Have His Carcase* (1932)
- 12 It's better to be quotable than honest.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: in *Guardian* 21 March 1973
- 13 What a good thing Adam had. When he said a good thing he knew nobody had said it before.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Notebooks* (1935)

# Reading

I read part of it all the way through. **Sam Goldwyn**

- 1 The world may be full of fourth-rate writers but it's also full of fourth-rate readers.
  - **Stan Barstow** 1928– English novelist: in *Daily Mail* 15 August 1989
- 2 You couldn't even read the Gettysburg Address.  
So who cares anyway where Gettysburg lived?
  - **Betty Comden** 1917–2006 and **Adolph Green** 1915–2002: *Singin' in the Rain* (1952)
- 3 on the difficulties of reading the novels of Sir Walter Scott:  
He shouldn't have written in such small print.
  - **O. Douglas** 1877–1948 Scottish writer: *The Setons* (1917)
- 4 I read part of it all the way through.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882–1974 American film producer: N. Zierold *Hollywood Tycoons* (1969)
- 5 ELPHINSTON: What, have you not read it through?  
JOHNSON: No, Sir, do you read books through?
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 19 April 1773
- 6 [*The Compleat Angler*] is acknowledged to be one of the world's books. Only the trouble is that the world doesn't read its books, it borrows a detective story instead.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869–1944 Canadian humorist: *The Boy I Left Behind Me* (1947)
- 7 Reading isn't an occupation we encourage among police officers. We try to keep the paper work down to a minimum.
  - **Joe Orton** 1933–67 English dramatist: *Loot* (1967)
- 8 People say that life is the thing, but I prefer reading.
  - **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865–1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931) 'Myself'
- 9 'Classic.' A book which people praise and don't read.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Following the Equator* (1897)



# Relationships

see also **DATING**

We had a lot in common. I loved him and he loved him. **Shelley Winters**

- 1 A relationship, I think, is like a shark, you know? It has to constantly move forward or it dies. And I think what we got on our hands is a dead shark.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Annie Hall* (1977 film), spoken as Alvy
- 2 The feeling of friendship is like that of being comfortably filled with roast beef; love, like being enlivened with champagne.
  - **James Boswell** 1740–95 Scottish lawyer and biographer: *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 16 April 1775
- 3 Once the trust goes out of a relationship it's really no fun lying to them anymore.
  - **Glen Charles** 1943– and **Les Charles** American screenwriters: *Cheers* (NBC TV, 1984) spoken by George Wendt as Norm
- 4 Once a woman has forgiven her man, she must not reheat his sins for breakfast.
  - **Marlene Dietrich** 1901–92 German-born American actress and singer: *Marlene Dietrich's ABC* (1962)
- 5 Never go to bed mad. Stay up and fight.
  - **Phyllis Diller** 1917–2012 American actress: *Phyllis Diller's Housekeeping Hints* (1966)
- 6 I know a lot of people didn't expect our relationship to last—but we've just celebrated our two months anniversary.
  - **Britt Ekland** 1942– Swedish actress: attributed
- 7 Men love women, women love children; children love hamsters—it's quite hopeless.
  - **Alice Thomas Ellis** 1932–2005 English novelist: attributed, 1987
- 8 Can officially confirm that the way to a man's heart these days is not through beauty, food, sex, or alluringness of character, but merely the ability to seem not very interested in him.
  - **Helen Fielding** 1958– British writer: *Bridget Jones's Diary* (1996)
- 9 A woman who can't forgive should never have more than a nodding acquaintance with a man.
  - **E. W. Howe** 1853–1937 American novelist and editor: attributed, but probably apocryphal
- 10 The trouble with Ian [Fleming] is that he gets off with women because he can't get on with them.
  - **Rosamund Lehmann** 1901–90 English novelist: John Pearson *The Life of Ian Fleming* (1966)
- 11 Take me or leave me; or, as is the usual order of things, both.
  - **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: in *New Yorker* 4 February 1928
- 12 My love life is like a piece of Swiss cheese. Most of it's missing and what's there stinks.
  - **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 13 Whenever I date a guy, I think: Is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with?
  - **Rita Rudner** 1953– American comedienne and writer: attributed
- 14 We had a lot in common. I loved him and he loved him.  
*on divorcing Vittorio Gassman*
  - **Shelley Winters** 1922–2006 American actress: attributed; Susan Strasberg *Bittersweet* (1980)



# Religion

see also **CLERGY, GOD**

An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support. **John Buchan**

- 1 Anyone who thinks sitting in church can make you a Christian must also think that sitting in a garage can make you a car.
  - **Anonymous:** modern saying
- 2 To be Catholic or Jewish isn't chic. Chic is Episcopalian.
  - **Elizabeth Arden** c.1880-1966 Canadian-born American businesswoman: A. A. Lewis and C. Woodworth *Miss Elizabeth Arden* (1972)
- 3 Bernard always had a few prayers in the hall and some whiskey afterwards as he was rather pious.
  - **Daisy Ashford** 1881-1972 English child author: *The Young Visitors* (1919)
- 4 I've a definite sense of spirituality. I want Brooklyn to be christened, but don't know into what religion yet.
  - **David Beckham** 1975- English footballer: in *Daily Mail* 5 September 2002
- 5 Gentlemen, I am a Catholic...If you reject me on account of my religion, I shall thank God that He has spared me the indignity of being your representative.
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: speech to voters of South Salford, 1906
- 6 **FOSTER:** I'm still a bit hazy about the Trinity, sir.  
**SCHOOLMASTER:** Three in one, one in three, perfectly straightforward. Any doubts about that see your maths master.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)
- 7 Broad of Church and 'broad of Mind',  
 Broad before and broad behind,  
 A keen ecclesiologist,  
 A rather dirty Wykehamist.
  - **John Betjeman** 1906-84 English poet: 'The Wykehamist' (1931)
- 8 So, Lord, reserve for me a crown,  
 And do not let my shares go down.
  - **John Betjeman** 1906-84 English poet: 'In Westminster Abbey' (1940)
- 9 of *Bede Griffiths's* visiting India with the intention of reconciling the Roman Catholic and Hindu faiths:  
 I suppose he's trying to combine  
 Mumbo with Jumbo in roughly equal proportions.
  - **John Betjeman** 1906-84 English poet: Bevis Hillier *Betjeman: the Bonus of Laughter* (2004)
- 10 The Vatican is against surrogate mothers. Good thing they didn't have that rule when Jesus was born.
  - **Elayne Boosler** 1952- American comedian: attributed
- 11 We Romans are rich. We've got a lot of gods. We've got a god for everything. The only thing we don't have a god for is premature ejaculation...but I hear that's coming quickly.
  - **Mel Brooks** 1926- American film director and comic actor: *History of the World Part I* (1981 film), as Comicus
- 12 If Jesus had been killed 20 years ago, Catholic school children would be wearing little electric chairs around their necks instead of crosses.
  - **Lenny Bruce** 1925-66 American comedian: attributed
- 13 An atheist is a man who has no invisible means of support.
  - **John Buchan** 1875-1940 Scottish novelist: H. E. Fosdick *On Being a Real Person* (1943)
- 14 Thanks to God, I am still an atheist.
  - **Luis Buñuel** 1900-83 Spanish film director: *Le Monde* 16 December 1959
- 15 **BERNIE:** Can you help me? I have lost my sense of direction.



- KERMIT: Have you tried Hare Krishna?
- **Jack Burns** 1933– and **Jerry Juhl** 1938–2005 American screenwriters: *The Muppet Movie* (1979 film)
- 16 Christians have burnt each other, quite persuaded  
That all the Apostles would have done  
as they did.
- **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819–24)
- 17 The one excuse for being pagan is to  
enjoy it thoroughly.
- **Roy Campbell** 1901–57 South African poet: *Cressida Connolly The Rare and the Beautiful* (2004)
- 18 Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- **George Carlin** 1937–2008 American comedian: attributed, re-working an old saying
- 19 Blessed are the cheesemakers.  
*a misheard beatitude*
- **Graham Chapman** 1941–89, **John Cleese** 1939–, and **others** British comedians: *Monty Python's Life of Brian* (1979 film)
- 20 It is the test of a good religion whether  
you can joke about it.
- **G. K. Chesterton** 1874–1936 English writer: *All Things Considered* (1908)
- 21 I read about an Eskimo hunter who  
asked the local missionary priest, “If  
I did not know about God and sin,  
would I go to hell?” “No,” said the  
priest, “not if you did not know.” “Then  
why,” asked the Eskimo earnestly, “did  
you tell me?”
- **Annie Dillard** 1945– American writer: *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* (1974)
- 22 A Protestant, if he wants aid or advice  
on any matter, can only go to his  
solicitor.
- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Lothair* (1870)
- 23 Said Waldershare, ‘Sensible men are all  
of the same religion.’ ‘And pray what is  
that?’ ... ‘Sensible men never tell.’
- **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *Endymion* (1880)
- 24 A lady, if undressed at Church, looks  
silly,
- One cannot be devout in dishabilly.
- **George Farquhar** 1678–1707 Irish dramatist: *The Stage Coach* (1704)
- 25 What after all  
Is a halo? It’s only one more thing to  
keep clean.
- **Christopher Fry** 1907–2005 English dramatist: *The Lady’s not for Burning* (1949)
- 26 I find it hard to understand why one  
should look for sermons in stones when  
the inability to preach is so attractive a  
feature of stones.
- **Northrop Frye** 1912–91 Canadian literary critic: *The Bush Garden* (1971)
- 27 The three kinds of services you  
generally find in the Episcopal churches.  
I call them either low-and-lazy, broad-  
and-hazy, or high-and-crazy.
- **Willa Gibbs** Canadian writer: *All the Golden Doors* (1957)
- 28 A Consumer’s Guide to Religion—The  
Best Buy—Church of England. It’s  
a jolly friendly faith. If you are one,  
there’s no onus to make everyone else  
join. In fact no one need ever know.
- **Robert Gillespie** and **Charles Lewson**: *That Was The Week That Was* BBC television 1962
- 29 *at Oxford, to an angry crowd who thought  
she was Charles II’s French Catholic mistress  
the Duchess of Portsmouth:*  
Pray, good people, be civil. I am the  
Protestant whore.
- **Nell Gwyn** 1650–87 English actress and courtesan: *B. Bevan Nell Gwyn* (1969)
- 30 No matter how I probe and prod  
I cannot quite believe in God.  
But oh! I hope to God that he  
Unswervingly believes in me.
- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American songwriter: ‘The Agnostic’ (1965)
- 31 For a halo up in heaven  
I have never been too keen.  
Who needs another gadget  
That a fellow has to clean?
- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American songwriter: ‘The Man who has Everything’ (1965)



- 32 *imagining how a Church of England Inquisition might have worked*  
 'Cake or death?' 'Cake, please.'  
 ▪ **Eddie Izzard** 1962– British comedian: *Dress to Kill* (stage show, San Francisco, 1998)
- 33 All moanday, tearsday, wailsday, thumpsday, frightday, shatterday till the fear of the Law.  
 ▪ **James Joyce** 1882–1941 Irish novelist: *Finnegans Wake* (1939)
- 34 *the closing moment of Baroness Thatcher's funeral service, 17 April 2013:*  
 The Archbishop of Canterbury, whose crisp sign of the Cross has something of a window cleaner reaching into every last crevice, gave his blessing.  
 ▪ **Quentin Letts** 1963– English journalist: in *Daily Mail* 18 April 2013
- 35 It's nice to have a nun around. Gives the place a bit of glamour.  
 ▪ **Graham Linehan** 1968– and **Arthur Mathews** 1959– screenwriters: 'Grant Unto Him Eternal Rest' (1995), episode from *Father Ted* (Channel 4 TV, 1995–8)
- 36 You can't run the Church on Hail Marys.  
*view of a Vatican banker*  
 ▪ **Paul Marcinkus** 1922–2006 American Roman Catholic archbishop: in *Independent* 23 February 2006
- 37 *on hearing an evangelical sermon:*  
 Things have come to a pretty pass when religion is allowed to invade the sphere of private life.  
 ▪ **Lord Melbourne** 1779–1848 British Whig statesman: *G. W. E. Russell Collections and Recollections* (1898)
- 38 Puritanism. The haunting fear that someone, somewhere, may be happy.  
 ▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Chrestomathy* (1949)
- 39 It is now quite lawful for a Catholic woman to avoid pregnancy by a resort to mathematics, though she is still forbidden to resort to physics and chemistry.  
 ▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Notebooks* (1956) 'Minority Report'
- 40 I celebrate everyone's religious holidays. If it's good enough for the righteous, it's good enough for the self-righteous I always say.  
 ▪ **Bette Midler** 1945– American actress: tweet, September 2010
- 41 The orgasm has replaced the Cross as the focus of longing and the image of fulfilment.  
 ▪ **Malcolm Muggeridge** 1903–90 British journalist: *Tread Softly* (1966)
- 42 God is a man, so it must be all rot.  
*just before her marriage to Robert Graves in 1917*  
 ▪ **Nancy Nicholson** 1899–1977 British artist: *R. Graves Goodbye to All That* (1929)
- 43 You are not an agnostic... You are just a fat slob who is too lazy to go to Mass.  
 ▪ **Conor Cruise O'Brien** 1917–2008 Irish politician, writer, and journalist: attributed
- 44 There's no reason to bring religion into it. I think we ought to have as great a regard for religion as we can, so as to keep it out of as many things as possible.  
 ▪ **Sean O'Casey** 1880–1964 Irish dramatist: *The Plough and the Stars* (1926)
- 45 Good manners can replace religious beliefs. In the Anglican Church they already have. Etiquette (and quiet, well-cut clothes) are devoutly worshipped by Anglicans.  
 ▪ **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)
- 46 He was an embittered atheist (the sort of atheist who does not so much disbelieve in God as personally dislike Him), and took a sort of pleasure in thinking that human affairs would never improve.  
 ▪ **George Orwell** 1903–50 English novelist: *Down and Out in Paris and London* (1933)
- 47 No praying, it spoils business.  
 ▪ **Thomas Otway** 1652–85 English dramatist: *Venice Preserved* (1682)
- 48 God and the doctor we alike adore  
 But only when in danger, not before;  
 The danger o'er, both are alike requited,  
 God is forgotten, and the Doctor slighted.  
 ▪ **John Owen** c.1563–1622 Welsh epigrammatist: *Epigrams*



- 49 *on long sermons:*  
The mind cannot absorb what the backside cannot endure.  
▪ **Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh** 1921– British prince: attributed, Robert Hardman *Our Queen* (2011)
- 50 I have wondered at times about what the Ten Commandments would have looked like if Moses had run them through the US Congress.  
▪ **Ronald Reagan** 1911–2004 American Republican statesman: attributed
- 51 Prove to me that you're no fool  
Walk across my swimming pool.  
▪ **Tim Rice** 1944– English songwriter: 'Herod's Song' (1970)
- 52 I always claim the mission workers came out too early to catch any sinners on this part of Broadway. At such an hour the sinners are still in bed resting up from their sinning of the night before, so they will be in good shape for more sinning a little later on.  
▪ **Damon Runyon** 1884–1946 American writer: in *Collier's* 28 January 1933, 'The Idyll of Miss Sarah Brown'
- 53 The Chinese said they would...build a shrine to my memory. I have some slight regret that this did not happen as I might have become a god, which would have been very *chic* for an atheist.  
▪ **Bertrand Russell** 1872–1970 British philosopher and mathematician: *Autobiography* (1968)
- 54 People may say what they like about the decay of Christianity; the religious system that produced green Chartreuse can never really die.  
▪ **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald* (1904)
- 55 You can't expect the fatted calf to share the enthusiasm of the angels over the prodigal's return.  
▪ **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Reginald* (1904)
- 56 Didn't some cynical critic say the Church of England is the only barrier between England and Christianity?  
▪ **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Mrs Elmsley* (1911, published as by Hector Munro)
- 57 How can what an Englishman believes be heresy? It is a contradiction in terms.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Saint Joan* (1924)
- 58 I made my then famous declaration (among 100 people) 'I am a Socialist, an Atheist and a Vegetarian' (ergo, a true Shelleyan), whereupon two ladies who had been palpitating with enthusiasm for Shelley under the impression that he was a devout Anglican, resigned on the spot.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: letter 1 March 1908
- 59 Baptists are only funny underwater.  
▪ **Neil Simon** 1927– American dramatist: *Laughter on the 23rd Floor* (1994)
- 60 I'm a dyslexic Satanist; I worship the drivel.  
▪ **Linda Smith** 1958–2006 British comedian: in *Daily Telegraph* (obituary), 1 March 2006
- 61 Deserves to be preached to death by wild curates.  
▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 62 Protestant women may take the pill. Roman Catholic women must keep taking The Tablet.  
▪ **Irene Thomas** 1919–2001 British writer and broadcaster: in *Guardian* 28 December 1990
- 63 When the missionaries came to Africa, they had the Bible and we had the land. They said: 'Let us pray'. We closed our eyes. When we opened them we had the Bible and they had the land.  
▪ **Desmond Tutu** 1931– South African Anglican clergyman: attributed; in *Mail on Sunday* 14 March 2004
- 64 Why do born-again people so often make you wish they'd never been born the first time?  
▪ **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928– English journalist: attributed
- 65 I don't go to church. Kneeling bags my nylons.  
▪ **Billy Wilder** 1906–2002 and **others** screenwriters: *Ace in the Hole* (1951 film), spoken by Jan Sterling as Lorraine



# Restaurants

I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast any time'. So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance. **Steven Wright**

- 1 **WAITER WITH FISH ORDER:** Are you smelt, sir?  
**JOHN BETJEMAN:** Only by the discerning.  
 ▪ **John Betjeman** 1906-84 English poet: Bevis Hillier *Betjeman: the Bonus of Laughter* (2004)
- 2 Any restaurant featuring French cuisine and Ice-cold Grape Slush in the same window can't be trusted.  
 ▪ **Peg Bracken** 1918-2007 American writer: *But I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World* (1973)
- 3 I love restaurants and that's the thing now, they always boast about now, restaurants, home-made cooking...I don't want home-made cooking, that's why I'm here!  
 ▪ **Lee Evans** 1964- English comedian: attributed
- 4 *to diners, while being carried on a stretcher from his suite at the Savoy when dying of cancer:*  
 It was the food. It was the food.  
 ▪ **Richard Harris** 1930-2002 Irish actor: in *Limerick Leader* (online edition) 7 December 2002
- 5 'Can I have a table near the floor?'  
 'Certainly, I'll have the waiter saw the legs off.'  
 ▪ **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: attributed
- 6 Avoid any restaurant where the waiter arrives with a handful of knives and forks just as you reach the punchline of your best story and says 'Which of you is having fish?'  
 ▪ **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English writer and barrister: attributed
- 7 Someone at the table, whose order had not yet arrived, said, 'I think "waiter" is such a funny word. It is we who wait.'  
 ▪ **Muriel Spark** 1918-2006 British novelist: *The Finishing School* (2004)
- 8 **MARGARET THATCHER:** This food is absolutely delicious.  
**DENIS THATCHER:** So it should be. They're charging like the Light Brigade. *eating in Harry's Bar*  
 ▪ **Denis Thatcher** 1915-2003 English businessman: attributed; in *Spectator* 20 March 2004
- 9 Restaurant critics—even great critics are like very bad lovers. They only come once a year, they don't care if you're not ready, they leave without saying a word and then they tell everyone what you did was wrong.  
 ▪ **Trevor White** 1972- Irish food critic: *Kitchen Con* (2006)
- 10 I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast any time'. So I ordered French toast during the Renaissance.  
 ▪ **Steven Wright** 1955- American comedian: attributed



# Retirement

The transition from Who's Who to Who's He. **Eddie George**

- 1 Retirement means twice as much husband on half as much money.
  - **Anonymous:** modern saying
- 2 If anything could have pulled me out of retirement, it would have been an Indiana Jones film. But in the end, retirement is just too damned much fun.
  - **Sean Connery** 1930– Scottish actor: in *Observer* 10 June 2007
- 3 The transition from Who's Who to

Who's He.

*view of the former Governor of the Bank of England on retirement*

- **Eddie George** 1938–2009 English banker: in *Independent* 29 December 2003
- 4 I remember one of my staff asking me when I was going to retire. I said when I could no longer hear the sound of laughter. He said, 'That never stopped you before.'
    - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: attributed

# Romance

see also **DATING, LOVE**

I still love you, see last year's card for details. **Michael McIntyre**

- 1 Where's the romance gone? Destroyed by cynics and liberationists...Forget the flowers, the chocolates, the soft words—rather, woo her with a self-defence manual in one hand and a family planning leaflet in the other.
  - **Alan Ayckbourn** 1939– English dramatist: *Round and Round the Garden* (1975)
- 2 I've always felt reading romantic novels was a bit like eating a whole box of chocolates or going to bed with a rotter. You can't stop because it's so nice but afterwards you wish you hadn't.
  - **Jilly Cooper** 1937– English writer: in *Observer* 17 February 1980
- 3 I'm afraid I was very much the traditionalist. I went down on one knee and dictated a proposal which my secretary faxed over straight away.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– and **Hugh Laurie** 1959– : *A Bit More Fry and Laurie* (1991)
- 4 Christian said he'd call the next day, but in boy time that meant Thursday.
  - **Amy Hecklering** 1954– American film director: *Clueless* (1995 film), spoken by Alicia Silverstone as Cher
- 5 *on Valentine's Day:*  
Just last week I wrote 'I still love you, see last year's card for full details.'
  - **Michael McIntyre** 1976– English comedian: attributed
- 6 Some people claim that marriage interferes with romance. There is no doubt about it. Anytime you have a romance, your wife is bound to interfere.
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890–1977 American film comedian: *The Groucho Phile* (1976)
- 7 A man on a date wonders if he'll get lucky. The woman already knows.
  - **Monica Piper:** attributed



# Royalty

I left England when I was four because I found out I could never be King.

**Bob Hope**

- 1 *on her passion for horses:*  
When I appear in public people expect me to neigh, grind my teeth, paw the ground and swish my tail—none of which is easy.  
▪ **Anne, Princess Royal** 1950– British princess: in *Observer* 22 May 1977
- 2 King's Moll Reno'd in Wolsey's Home Town.  
▪ **Anonymous:** US newspaper headline on Wallis Simpson's divorce proceedings in Ipswich
- 3 Most Gracious Queen, we thee implore  
To go away and sin no more,  
But if that effort be too great,  
To go away at any rate.  
▪ **Anonymous:** epigram on Queen Caroline, quoted in a letter from Francis Burton to Lord Colchester, 15 November 1820
- 4 Lousy but loyal.  
▪ **Anonymous:** London East End slogan at George V's Jubilee, 1935
- 5 How different, how very different from the home life of our own dear Queen!  
▪ **Anonymous:** comment overheard at a performance of *Cleopatra* by Sarah Bernhardt (probably apocryphal)
- 6 Green with lust and sick with shyness  
Let me lick your lacquered toes,  
Gosh, oh gosh, your Royal Highness,  
Put your finger up my nose.  
*parodic poem on John Betjeman's being presented with the Duff Cooper Memorial Prize by Princess Margaret*  
▪ **Maurice Bowra** 1898–1971 English scholar and literary critic: attributed; in *Daily Telegraph* 10 February 2002 (online edition)
- 7 -I shall be an autocrat: that's my trade.  
And the good Lord will forgive me:  
that's his.  
▪ **Catherine the Great** 1729–96 Russian empress: attributed
- 8 We saw Queen Mary looking like the Jungfrau, white and sparkling in the sun.  
▪ **Chips Channon** 1897–1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary, 22 June 1937
- 9 I've tried him drunk and I've tried him sober but there's nothing in him.  
*of his niece Anne's husband George of Denmark*  
▪ **Charles II** 1630–85 British king: Gila Curtis *The Life and Times of Queen Anne* (1972)
- 10 This is very true: for my words are my own, and my actions are my ministers'.  
▪ **Charles II** 1630–85 British king: reply to 'The King's Epitaph', see **Royalty** 33; *Thomas Hearne: Remarks and Collections* (1885–1921) 17 November 1706
- 11 *on having to watch scantily-dressed dancers' displays:*  
It's become an occupational hazard.  
You take a deep breath and do it for England.  
▪ **Charles, Prince of Wales** 1948– heir apparent to the British throne: in *Mirror* 22 March 2002
- 12 *on being asked the identity of the small man sharing an open carriage with the large Queen Salote of Tonga in the British Coronation procession:*  
Her lunch.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: attributed, but denied by Coward as offensive to Queen Salote; Dick Richards *The Wit and Wisdom of Noël Coward* (1968)
- 13 Everyone likes flattery; and when you come to Royalty you should lay it on with a trowel.  
▪ **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: G. W. E. Russell *Collections and Recollections* (1898)



- 14 I never deny; I never contradict;  
I sometimes forget.  
*of his dealings as Prime Minister with Queen Victoria*
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: Elizabeth Longford *Victoria R. I.* (1964)
- 15 *to the Archbishop of Canterbury after the service of celebration at St Paul's for Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee in 1897:*  
I have no objection whatsoever to the notion of the Eternal Father, but every objection to the concept of an eternal mother.
  - **Edward VII** 1841–1910 British king: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 16 *on being asked if Queen Victoria would be happy in heaven:*  
She will have to walk behind the angels—and she won't like that.
  - **Edward VII** 1841–1910 British king: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 17 I think everybody really will concede that on this, of all days, I should begin my speech with the words 'My husband and I'.
  - **Elizabeth II** 1926– British queen: speech at Guildhall, London, on her 25th wedding anniversary
- 18 *of Prince Andrew:*  
He's the only one who knows how to work the video.
  - **Elizabeth II** 1926– British queen: in *Observer* 29 December 1985
- 19 The whole world is in revolt. Soon there will be only five Kings left—the King of England, the King of Spades, the King of Clubs, the King of Hearts and the King of Diamonds.
  - **Farouk** 1920–65 Egyptian king: said to Lord Boyd-Orr at a conference in Cairo, 1948; *As I Recall* (1966) ch. 21
- 20 *on H. G. Wells's comment on 'an alien and uninspiring court':*  
I may be uninspiring, but I'll be damned if I'm an alien!
  - **George V** 1865–1936 British monarch: Sarah Bradford *George VI* (1989); attributed
- 21 Ah'm sorry your Queen has to pay taxes.  
She's not a wealthy woman.
  - **John Paul Getty** 1892–1976 American industrialist: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993); attributed
- 22 I left England when I was four because I found out I could never be King.
  - **Bob Hope** 1903–2003 American comedian: William Robert Faith *Bob Hope* (1983)
- 23 *on the British royal family's increasing tendency to marry commoners:*  
The monarchy, an institution that has cleverly embraced what might be called 'downward nobility' for decades now.
  - **Rachel Johnson** 1965– English writer: in *Mail on Sunday* 9 December 2012
- 24 *notice on a playbill sent to her former lover, the Duke of Clarence, refusing repayment of her allowance:*  
Positively no money refunded after the curtain has risen.
  - **Mrs Jordan** 1761–1816 Irish-born actress: Duke of Windsor 'My Hanoverian Ancestors' (unpublished reminiscences); Elizabeth Longford (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes* (1989)
- 25 My children are not royal, they just happen to have the Queen as their aunt.
  - **Princess Margaret** 1930–2002 British princess: Elizabeth Longford (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes* (1989)
- 26 *on the abdication of her son, Edward VIII, 1936:*  
Really, this might be Rumania.
  - **Queen Mary** 1867–1953 British Queen Consort: Michael Hill (ed.) *Right Royal Remarks* (2003)
- 27 Such an active lass. So outdoorsy. She loves nature in spite of what it did to her.  
*on Princess Anne*
  - **Bette Midler** 1945– American actress: *A View from a Broad* (1980)
- 28 For 50 years and more, Elizabeth Windsor has maintained her dignity, her sense of duty, and her hairstyle.  
*accepting an Oscar for Best actress for her part in The Queen*
  - **Helen Mirren** 1945– English actress: in *Independent on Sunday* 4 March 2007



- 29 How vulgar of those American women to call him David. Either one calls him Sir or one calls him Darling.  
*talking of her friend the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII*  
▪ **Lady Victor Paget** 1892–1975: Kenneth Rose *Who's Who in the Royal House of Windsor* (1985)
- 30 I declare this thing open—whatever it is.  
▪ **Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh** 1921– husband of Elizabeth II: opening an annexe at Vancouver City Hall, 1969; Basil Boothroyd *Philip: an informal biography* (1971)
- 31 The Right Divine of Kings to govern wrong.  
▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: *The Dunciad* (1742)
- 32 *on Charles, Prince of Wales:*  
He's so gay. He can't wait for his mother to die so he can be Queen.  
▪ **Joan Rivers** 1933–2014 American comedienne: from stand up routine, early 1980s
- 33 Here lies a great and mighty king  
Whose promise none relies on;  
He never said a foolish thing,  
Nor ever did a wise one.  
▪ **Lord Rochester** 1647–80 English poet: 'The King's Epitaph' (an alternative first line reads: 'Here lies our sovereign lord the King'); see **Royalty** 10
- 34 The *éminence cerise*, the bolster behind the throne.  
*of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother*  
▪ **Will Self** 1961– British writer: in *Independent* on Sunday 8 August 1999
- 35 He speaks to Me as if I was a public meeting.  
*of Gladstone*  
▪ **Victoria** 1819–1901 British queen: G. W. E. Russell *Collections and Recollections* (1898)
- 36 *when forced by a mob to cheer George IV's estranged wife Caroline of Brunswick:*  
God Save the Queen, and may all your wives be like her!  
▪ **Duke of Wellington** 1769–1852 British soldier and statesman: Elizabeth Longford *Wellington: Pillar of State* (1972); also attributed to Lord Anglesey and others
- 37 *having been wakened with the news of his accession, William IV returned to bed:*  
To enjoy the novelty of sleeping with a queen.  
▪ **William IV** 1765–1837 British king: Duke of Windsor 'My Hanoverian Ancestors' (unpublished reminiscences); Elizabeth Longford (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes* (1989)
- 38 *to Edward IV whom she later married:*  
My liege, I know I am not good enough to be your queen, but I am far too good to become your mistress.  
▪ **Elizabeth Woodville** c.1437–92 English queen of Edward IV: Agnes and Elizabeth Strickland *Lives of the Queens of England* (1840)
- 39 I'm doing pretty well considering. In the past, when anyone left the Royal family they had you beheaded.  
▪ **Sarah, Duchess of York** 1959– : in *Independent* 8 July 2000 'Quotes of the Week'



# Satisfaction and Discontent

see also **HAPPINESS, HOPE**

If not actually disgruntled, he was far from being grunted. **P. G. Wodehouse**

- 1 when asked what was the best day of her life:  
It was a night.  
▪ **Brigitte Bardot** 1934– French actress: in *Independent on Sunday* 3 October 2004
- 2 The world has treated me very well, but then I haven't treated it so badly either.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 3 Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn.  
▪ **Sidney Howard** 1891–1939 American dramatist and screenwriter: *Gone with the Wind* (1939 film, based on the novel by Margaret Mitchell); spoken by Clark Gable as Rhett Butler
- 4 When fortune empties her chamberpot on your head, smile—and say 'we are going to have a summer shower'.  
▪ **John A. Macdonald** 1851–91 Scottish-born Canadian statesman: spoken c. 1875
- 5 I test my bath before I sit,  
And I'm always moved to wonderment
- 6 That what chills the finger not a bit  
Is so frigid upon the fundament.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902–71 American humorist: 'Samson Agonistes' (1942)
- 7 His strongest tastes were negative. He abhorred plastics, Picasso, sunbathing and jazz—everything in fact that had happened in his own lifetime.  
▪ **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: *The Ordeal of Gilbert Pinfold* (1957)
- 8 It's better to be looked over than overlooked.  
▪ **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: *Belle of the Nineties* (1934 film)
- 9 Too much of a good thing can be wonderful.  
▪ **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: *Goodness had Nothing to Do with It* (1959)
- 10 If not actually disgruntled, he was far from being grunted.  
▪ **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Code of the Woosters* (1938)

## Science

see also **PROGRESS, TECHNOLOGY**

Such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact.  
**Mark Twain**

- 1 Basic research is like shooting an arrow into the air and, where it lands, painting a target.  
▪ **Homer Burton Adkins** 1892–1949 American organic chemist: A. Mackay (ed.), *A Dictionary of Scientific Quotations* (1991)
- 2 Multiplication is vexation,  
Division is as bad;
- 3 The Rule of Three doth puzzle me,  
And Practice drives me mad.  
▪ **Anonymous**: in *Lean's Collectanea* (1904), possibly 16th-century
- 4 The Higgs boson walks into a Catholic Church and the priest says: 'What are you doing here?' The Higgs says, 'Well, you can't have mass without me.'  
▪ **Anonymous**: popular saying



- 4 When I find myself in the company of scientists, I feel like a shabby curate who has strayed by mistake into a drawing room full of dukes.
  - **W. H. Auden** 1907-73 English poet: *The Dyer's Hand* (1963)
- 5 The Microbe is so very small  
You cannot make him out at all.  
But many sanguine people hope  
To see him through a microscope.
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'The Microbe' (1897)
- 6 Sir Humphrey Davy  
Abominated gravy.  
He lived in the odium  
Of having discovered Sodium.
  - **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956 English writer: 'Sir Humphrey Davy' (1905)
- 7 Basic research is what I am doing when I don't know what I am doing.
  - **Wernher von Braun** 1912-77 German-born American rocket engineer: R. L. Weber *A Random Walk in Science* (1973)
- 8 There was a young lady named Bright,  
Whose speed was far faster than light;  
She set out one day  
In a relative way  
And returned on the previous night.
  - **Arthur Buller** 1874-1944 British botanist and mycologist: 'Relativity' (1923)
- 9 If an elderly but distinguished scientist says that something is possible he is almost certainly right, but if he says that it is impossible he is very probably wrong.
  - **Arthur C. Clarke** 1917-2008 English science fiction writer: in *New Yorker* 9 August 1969
- 10 I have no more faith in men of science being infallible than I have in men of God being infallible, principally on account of them being men.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: diary, 1 July 1946
- 11 Someone told me that each equation I included in the book would halve the sales.
  - **Stephen Hawking** 1942- English theoretical physicist: *A Brief History of Time* (1988)
- 12 Cosmologists are often in error, but never in doubt.
  - **Lev Landau** 1908-68 Russian physicist: attributed in Simon Singh *Big Bang* (2004)
- 13 It was Einstein who made the real trouble. He announced in 1905 that there was no such thing as absolute rest. After that there never was.
  - **Stephen Leacock** 1869-1944 Canadian humorist: *The Boy I Left Behind Me* (1947)
- 14 It is a good morning exercise for a research scientist to discard a pet hypothesis every day before breakfast.
  - **Konrad Lorenz** 1903-89 Austro-German zoologist: *On Aggression* (1966)
- 15 Aristotle maintained that women have fewer teeth than men; although he was twice married, it never occurred to him to verify this statement by examining his wives' mouths.
  - **Bertrand Russell** 1872-1970 British philosopher and mathematician: *Impact of Science on Society* (1952)
- 16 He had been eight years upon a project for extracting sun-beams out of cucumbers, which were to be put into vials hermetically sealed, and let out to warm the air in raw inclement summers.
  - **Jonathan Swift** 1667-1745 Irish poet and satirist: *Gulliver's Travels* (1726)
- 17 Her own mother lived the latter years of her life in the horrible suspicion that electricity was dripping invisibly all over the house.
  - **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: *My Life and Hard Times* (1933)
- 18 There is something fascinating about science. One gets such wholesale returns of conjecture out of such a trifling investment of fact.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Life on the Mississippi* (1883)
- 19 It was absolutely marvellous working for Pauli. You could ask him anything. There was no worry that he would think a particular question was stupid, since he thought *all* questions were stupid.
  - **Victor Weisskopf** 1908-2002 American physicist: in *American Journal of Physics* 1977



# Scotland

That state of mind which cartographers seek to define as Scotland.

**Claud Cockburn**

- 1 There are few more impressive sights in the world than a Scotsman on the make.
  - **J. M. Barrie** 1860-1937 Scottish writer and dramatist: *What Every Woman Knows* (performed 1908)
- 2 That state of mind which cartographers seek to define as Scotland.
  - **Claud Cockburn** 1904-81 British writer and journalist: *Crossing the Line* (1958)
- 3 There are two seasons in Scotland: June and winter.
  - **Billy Connolly** 1942- Scottish comedian: attributed
- 4 *to a Boer who had told her that he could never quite forgive the British for having conquered his country:*  
I understand that perfectly. We feel very much the same in Scotland.
  - **Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother** 1900-2002: Elizabeth Longford (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes* (1989)
- 5 They christened their game golf because they were Scottish and revelled in meaningless Celtic noises in the back of the throat.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957- English comedian, actor, and writer: *Paperweight* (1992)
- 6 Sir, let me tell you, the noblest prospect which a Scotchman ever sees, is the high road that leads him to England!
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 6 July 1763
- 7 *Oats.* A grain, which in England is generally given to horses, but in Scotland supports the people.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755)
- 8 No McTavish  
Was ever lavish.
  - **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'Genealogical Reflection' (1931)
- 9 That knuckle-end of England—that land of Calvin, oat-cakes, and sulphur.
  - **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 10 It is never difficult to distinguish between a Scotsman with a grievance and a ray of sunshine.
  - **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *Blandings Castle and Elsewhere* (1935)

# Secrecy

The best leaks always take place in the urinal. **John Cole**

- 1 A Company for carrying on an undertaking of Great Advantage, but no one to know what it is.
  - **Anonymous:** Company Prospectus at the time of the South Sea Bubble (1711)
- 2 See all your best work go unnoticed.
  - **Anonymous:** advertisement for staff for M15, 2005
- 3 The best leaks always take place in the urinal.
  - **John Cole** 1927-2013 Northern Irish journalist and broadcaster: in *Independent* 3 June 1996
- 4 Secrets with girls, like loaded guns with boys,



Are never valued till they make a noise.

- **George Crabbe** 1754–1832 English poet: *Tales of the Hall* (1819) 'The Maid's Story'

5 Once the toothpaste is out of the tube, it is awfully hard to get it back in.

- **H. R. Haldeman** 1929–93 American Presidential assistant to Richard Nixon: to John Dean; *Hearings Before the Select Committee on Presidential Campaign Activities of US Senate: Watergate and Related Activities* (1973)

6 Truth is suppressed, not to protect the country from enemy agents but to protect the Government of the day against the people.

- **Roy Hattersley** 1932– British Labour politician: in *Independent* 18 February 1995

7 That's another of those irregular verbs,

isn't it? I give confidential briefings; you leak; he has been charged under Section 2a of the Official Secrets Act.

- **Jonathan Lynn** 1943– and **Antony Jay** 1930– English writers: *Yes Prime Minister* (1987) vol. 2 'Man Overboard'

8 The most difficult secret for a man to keep is his own opinion of himself.

- **Marcel Pagnol** 1895–1974 French dramatist and film-maker: attributed

9 It's been a huge advantage during my professional career that I've always looked like a cheerful, fat missionary. It wouldn't be any use if you went around looking sinister, would it?

- **Daphne Park** 1921– British diplomat and senior controller of MI6: in *Daily Telegraph* 24 April 2003

# Self-Knowledge and Self-Deception

see also **CHARACTER**

I wouldn't say I was the best manager, but I was in the top one. **Brian Clough**

1 A person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me.

*definition of an egotist*

- **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *Cynic's Word Book* (1906)

2 Our polite recognition of another's resemblance to ourselves.

*definition of admiration*

- **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *Cynic's Word Book* (1906)

3 I think that most people who have dealt with me think that I am a pretty straight sort of guy.

*on the handling of the decision to exempt Formula One motor racing from a proposed ban on tobacco advertising*

- **Tony Blair** 1953– British Labour statesman: 'On the Record' interview with John Humphrys, 16 November 1997

4 The reward for conformity is that everyone likes you except yourself.

- **Rita Mae Brown** 1944– American novelist and poet: *Bingo* (1988)

5 They misunderestimated me.

- **George W. Bush** 1946– American Republican statesman: speech in Bentonville, Arkansas, November 2000

6 The Crown Prince Umberto is charm itself, but has no great intelligence. He reminds me of myself.

- **Chips Channon** 1897–1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary (undated entry); introduction to *Chips: the Diaries of Sir Henry Channon* (1993)

7 I wouldn't say I was the best manager, but I was in the top one.

- **Brian Clough** 1935–2004 English football manager: attributed; in *Scotsman* 21 September 2004 (online edition)

8 All my shows are great. Some of them are bad. But they are all great.

- **Low Grade** 1906–98 British television producer and executive: in *Observer* 14 September 1975

9 It's been my experience that people who make proclamations about



- themselves are usually the opposite of what they claim to be.
- **Chelsea Handler** 1975- American comedienne and writer: *Are You There, Vodka? It's Me, Chelsea* (2008)
- 10 The photograph is not quite true to my own notion of my gentleness and sweetness of nature, but neither perhaps is my external appearance.
    - **A. E. Housman** 1859-1936 English poet: letter, 12 June 1922
  - 11 For self-revelation, whether it be a Tudor villa on the by-pass or a bomb-proof chalet at Berchtesgaden, there's no place like home.
    - **Osbert Lancaster** 1908-86 English writer and cartoonist: *Homes Sweet Homes* (1939)
  - 12 I am not the type who wants to go back to the land; I am the type who wants to go back to the hotel.
    - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)
  - 13 A journey of self-discovery starts with a single step...But so does falling down a flight of stairs.
    - **Kathy Lette** 1958- Australian writer: *The Boy Who Fell to Earth* (2012)
  - 14 Underneath this flabby exterior is an enormous lack of character.
    - **Oscar Levant** 1906-72 American pianist: *Memoirs of an Amnesiac* (1965)
  - 15 It was not till quite late in life that I discovered how easy it is to say 'I don't know'.
    - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *The Partial View* (1954)
  - 16 Every person is the star of their life story. No one goes through the world thinking: 'Well, I'm just a cameo'.
    - **John C. Reilly** 1965- American actor: in *Observer* 10 February 2013
  - 17 [I am] a doormat in a world of boots.
    - **Jean Rhys** c.1890-1979 British novelist and short-story writer: in *Guardian* 6 December 1990
  - 18 You're so vain  
You probably think this song is about you.
    - **Carly Simon** 1945- American singer and songwriter: 'You're So Vain' (1972 song)
  - 19 I have often wished I had time to cultivate modesty...But I am too busy thinking about myself.
    - **Edith Sitwell** 1887-1964 English poet and critic: in *Observer* 30 April 1950
  - 20 How awful to reflect that what people say of us is true!
    - **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931)
  - 21 The kind of person who embarks on an endless leap-frog down to the great moral issues. I put a position, rebut it, refute it, refute the rebuttal and rebut the refutation. Endlessly.  
*on himself*
    - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: Mel Gussow *Conversations with Stoppard* (1995)
  - 22 Satire is a sort of glass, wherein beholders do generally discover everybody's face but their own.
    - **Jonathan Swift** 1667-1745 Irish poet and satirist: *The Battle of the Books* (1704) preface
  - 23 I am extraordinarily patient, provided I get my own way in the end.
    - **Margaret Thatcher** 1925-2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in *Observer* 4 April 1989
  - 24 Pavarotti is not vain, but conscious of being unique.
    - **Peter Ustinov** 1921-2004 British actor, director, and writer: in *Independent on Sunday* 12 September 1993
  - 25 I'm the girl who lost her reputation and never missed it.
    - **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress: P. F. Boller and R. L. Davis *Hollywood Anecdotes* (1988)
  - 26 I don't at all like knowing what people say of me behind my back. It makes me far too conceited.
    - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *An Ideal Husband* (1895)
  - 27 Early in life I had to choose between honest arrogance and hypocritical humility. I chose honest arrogance and have seen no occasion to change.
    - **Frank Lloyd Wright** 1867-1959 American architect: Herbert Jacobs *Frank Lloyd Wright* (1965)



# Sex

see also **LOVE, MARRIAGE**

I've been around so long, I knew Doris Day before she was a virgin. **Groucho Marx**

- 1 STEVE ROSSI: What is the difference between erotic sex and kinky sex?  
ALLEN: Erotic sex, you use a feather.  
ROSSI: And, what about kinky sex?  
ALLEN: You use the whole chicken.  
▪ **Marty Allen** 1922– American comedian: CNN News, 16 March 1993
- 2 Don't knock masturbation. It's sex with someone I love.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Annie Hall* (1977 film, with Marshall Brickman)
- 3 That [sex] was the most fun I ever had without laughing.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Annie Hall* (1977 film, with Marshall Brickman)
- 4 My love life is terrible. The last time I was inside a woman was when I visited the Statue of Liberty.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Crimes and Misdemeanors* (1989 film)
- 5 Is sex dirty? Only if it's done right.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Everything You Always Wanted to Know about Sex* (1972 film)
- 6 My brain? It's my second favourite organ.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Sleeper* (1973 film, with Marshall Brickman)
- 7 A fast word about oral contraception. I asked a girl to go to bed with me and she said 'no'.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: at a night-club in Washington, April 1965
- 8 On bisexuality: It immediately doubles your chances for a date on Saturday night.  
▪ **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: in *New York Times* 1 December 1975
- 9 Have you seen that movie? Maris and I rented the video. I don't mind telling you we pushed our beds together that night! And that was no mean feat; her room, as you know, is across the hall!  
▪ **David Angell** 1946–2001, **Peter Casey**, and **David Lee** American television producers: *Frasier* (NBC TV, 1993) 'Selling Out', written by Lloyd Garver; spoken by David Hyde Pierce as Niles
- 10 You should make a point of trying every experience once, excepting incest and folk-dancing.  
▪ **Anonymous**: Arnold Bax *Farewell My Youth* (1943), quoting 'a sympathetic Scot'
- 11 Would you like to sin  
With Elinor Glyn  
On a tigerskin?  
Or would you prefer  
To err  
With her  
On some other fur?  
▪ **Anonymous**: verse alluding to Elinor Glyn's romantic novel *Three Weeks* (1907); A. Glyn *Elinor Glyn* (1955)
- 12 'My mother made me a homosexual.'  
'If I send her the wool will she make me one?'  
▪ **Anonymous**: New York graffito of the 1970s
- 13 Let us honour if we can  
The vertical man  
Though we value none  
But the horizontal one.  
▪ **W. H. Auden** 1907–73 English poet: 'To Christopher Isherwood' (1930)
- 14 Give me chastity and continency—but not yet!  
▪ **St Augustine of Hippo** AD 354–430 Roman Christian theologian: *Confessions* (AD 397–8)
- 15 My mother used to say, Delia, if S-E-X ever rears its ugly head, close your eyes



- before you see the rest of it.
- **Alan Ayckbourn** 1939- English dramatist: *Bedroom Farce* (1978)
- 16 I'll come and make love to you at five o'clock. If I'm late start without me.
- **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: *Ted Morgan Somerset Maugham* (1980)
- 17 *at the age of ninety-seven, Blake was asked at what age the sex drive goes:*  
You'll have to ask somebody older than me.
- **Eubie Blake** 1883-1983 American ragtime pianist: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 18 On life's long road I have found the penis to be a most unreliable compass.
- **David L. Bloomer** 1912-96 Scottish badminton player: told to *Jeremy Nicholas* in 1972
- 19 Sex has never been an obsession with me. It's just like eating a bag of crisps. Quite nice, but nothing marvellous.
- **Boy George** 1961- English pop singer and songwriter: in *Sun* 21 October 1982
- 20 Genitals are a great distraction to scholarship.
- **Malcolm Bradbury** 1932-2000 English novelist and critic: *Cuts* (1987)
- 21 I could never understand what Sir Godfrey Tearle saw in Jill Bennett, until I saw her at the Caprice eating corn-on-the-cob.  
*a romance between a young actress and a Grand Old Man of the theatre*
- **Coral Browne** 1913-91 Australian actress: attributed
- 22 If homosexuality were the normal way, God would have made Adam and Bruce.
- **Anita Bryant** 1940- American singer: in *New York Times* 5 June 1977
- 23 Sexual intercourse is kicking death in the ass while singing.
- **Charles Bukowski** 1920-94 German-born American writer: *Notes of a Dirty Old Man* (1969)
- 24 It was the afternoon of my eighty-first birthday, and I was in bed with my catamite when Ali announced that the archbishop had come to see me.
- **Anthony Burgess** 1917-93 English novelist and critic: *Earthly Powers* (1980); opening sentence
- 25 He said it was artificial respiration, but now I find I am to have his child.
- **Anthony Burgess** 1917-93 English novelist and critic: *Inside Mr Enderby* (1963)
- 26 MIRANDA: What's the big mystery? It's my clitoris, not the sphinx.  
CARRIE: I think you just found the title of your autobiography.
- **Candace Bushnell** 1958- , **Darren Star** 1961- , and **Patrick King** 1954- American writers: *Sex and the City* (HBO TV, 1999), Cynthia Nixon as Miranda and Sarah Jessica Parker as Carrie
- 27 What men call gallantry, and gods adultery,  
Is much more common where the climate's sultry.
- **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)
- 28 *on homosexuality:*  
It doesn't matter what you do in the bedroom as long as you don't do it in the street and frighten the horses.
- **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865-1940 English actress: *Daphne Fielding The Duchess of Jermyn Street* (1964)
- 29 I don't have a sex 'drive'. I have a sex 'just sit in the car and hope someone gets in.'
- **Louis C.K.** 1967- American comedian: attributed
- 30 Do not adultery commit;  
Advantage rarely comes of it.
- **Arthur Hugh Clough** 1819-61 English poet: 'The Latest Decalogue' (1862)
- 31 I am that twentieth-century failure, a happy undersexed celibate.
- **Denise Coffey** 1936- English actress: *Ned Sherrin Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 32 *asked if he was superstitious:*  
Only about thirteen in a bed.
- **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: *Anna Massey Telling Some Tales* (2007)



- 33 *to one of Laurence Olivier's small children who asked what two dogs were doing:*  
The doggie in front has suddenly gone blind and the other one has very kindly offered to push him all the way to St Dunstan's.  
▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Kenneth Tynan *The Sound of Two Hands Clapping* (1975)
- 34 I became one of the stately homos of England.  
▪ **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: *The Naked Civil Servant* (1968)
- 35 For flavour, Instant Sex will never supersede the stuff you had to peel and cook.  
▪ **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: in *Sunday Telegraph* 28 September 1999
- 36 *in 1951 the homosexual Tom Driberg married a widow; he later complained:*  
She broke her marriage vows; she tried to sleep with me.  
▪ **Tom Driberg** 1905-76 British Labour politician: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdoteage* (1993)
- 37 Seduction is often difficult to distinguish from rape. In seduction, the rapist bothers to buy a bottle of wine.  
▪ **Andrea Dworkin** 1946-2005 American feminist and writer: *Letters from a War Zone* (1988)
- 38 When choosing sexual partners remember: Talent is not sexually transmittable.  
▪ **Tina Fey** 1970- American comedian and actress: *Bossypants* (2011)
- 39 He in a few minutes ravished this fair creature, or at least would have ravished her, if she had not, by a timely compliance, prevented him.  
▪ **Henry Fielding** 1707-54 English novelist and dramatist: *Jonathan Wild* (1743)
- 40 *on oral fixation:*  
Sometimes a cigar is just a cigar.  
▪ **Sigmund Freud** 1856-1939 Austrian psychiatrist: often attributed, but almost certainly apocryphal
- 41 *on her boyfriend Porfirio Rubirosa:*  
He may be the best lover in the world, but what do you do the other twenty-two hours of the day?  
▪ **Zsa Zsa Gabor** 1917- Hungarian-born film actress: attributed
- 42 Women need a reason to have sex, men just need a place.  
▪ **Lowell Ganz** 1948- and **Babaloo Mandel** 1949- American screenwriters: *City Slickers* (1991 film), spoken by Billy Crystal as Mitch Robbins
- 43 Masturbation is the thinking man's television.  
▪ **Christopher Hampton** 1946- English dramatist: *The Philanthropist* (1970)
- 44 Men don't realize that if we're sleeping with them on the first date, we're probably not interested in seeing them again either.  
▪ **Chelsea Handler** 1975- American comedienne and writer: attributed
- 45 I regret to say that we of the FBI are powerless to act in cases of oral-genital intimacy, unless it has in some way obstructed interstate commerce.  
▪ **J. Edgar Hoover** 1895-1972 American director of the FBI: Irving Wallace et al. *Intimate Sex Lives of Famous People* (1981)
- 46 There is no unhappier creature on earth than a fetishist who yearns to embrace a woman's shoe and has to embrace the whole woman.  
▪ **Karl Kraus** 1874-1936 Austrian satirist: *Aphorisms and More Aphorisms* (1909)
- 47 Sexual intercourse began  
In nineteen sixty-three  
(Which was rather late for me)—  
Between the end of the *Chatterley* ban  
And the Beatles' first L.P.  
▪ **Philip Larkin** 1922-85 English poet: 'Annus Mirabilis' (1974)
- 48 He was into animal husbandry—until they caught him at it.  
▪ **Tom Lehrer** 1928- American humorist: in *An Evening Wasted with Tom Lehrer* (record album, 1953); Nigel Rees (ed.) *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 49 All this male angst over size. It's attitude women are interested in. Women like a penis which says 'G'day! God am I glad



- to see you.'
- **Kathy Lette** 1958- Australian writer: *Mad Cows* (1996)
- 50 What's the worst thing about oral sex? The view.
- **Maureen Lipman** 1946- English actress: *How Was It For You?* (1985)
- 51 on lesbianism:  
I can understand two men. There is something to get hold of. But how do two insides make love?
- **Lydia Lopokova** 1892-1981 Russian ballerina: A. J. P. Taylor letter 5 November 1973
- 52 What's a promiscuous person? It's usually someone who is getting more sex than you are.
- **Victor Lowmes** 1928- American businessman: attributed, N. Mackwood *In and Out* (1980)
- 53 Many years ago I chased a woman for almost two years, only to discover that her tastes were exactly like mine: we both were crazy about girls.
- **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: letter 28 March 1955
- 54 I've been around so long, I knew Doris Day before she was a virgin.
- **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: Max Wilk *The Wit and Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972)
- 55 I always thought music was more important than sex—then I thought if I don't hear a concert for a year-and-a-half it doesn't bother me.
- **Jackie Mason** 1931- American comedian: in *Guardian* 17 February 1989
- 56 A man marries to have a home, but also because he doesn't want to be bothered with sex and all that sort of thing.
- **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *The Circle* (1921)
- 57 Continental people have sex life; the English have hot-water bottles.
- **George Mikes** 1912-87 Hungarian-born writer: *How to be an Alien* (1946)
- 58 Contraceptives should be used on every conceivable occasion.
- **Spike Milligan** 1918-2002 Irish comedian: *The Last Goon Show of All* (1972)
- 59 on tantric sex:  
I prefer the plumber position. You stay in all day and nobody comes.
- **John Mortimer** 1923-2009 English novelist, barrister, and dramatist: in *Times* 24 February 2003
- 60 Not tonight, Josephine.
- **Napoleon I** 1769-1821 French emperor: attributed, but probably apocryphal; R. H. Horne *The History of Napoleon* (1841) describes the circumstances in which the affront might have occurred
- 61 Your idea of fidelity is not having more than one man in bed at the same time.
- **Frederic Raphael** 1931- British novelist and screenwriter: *Darling* (1965 film)
- 62 It's so long since I've had sex I've forgotten who ties up whom.
- **Joan Rivers** 1933-2014 American comedienne: attributed
- 63 Is it not strange that desire should so many years outlive performance?
- **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Henry IV, Part 2* (1597)
- 64 How long do you want to wait until you start enjoying life? When you're sixty-five you get social security, not girls.
- **Neil Simon** 1927- American dramatist: *Come Blow Your Horn* (1961)
- 65 There are times when a woman reading *Playboy* feels a little like a Jew reading a Nazi manual.
- **Gloria Steinem** 1934- American journalist: interviewing Hugh Hefner in 1970; Steven Watts *Mr Playboy: Hugh Hefner and the American Dream* (2009)
- 66 A lady, if surprised by melancholy, might go to bed with a chap, once; or a thousand times if consumed by passion. But twice...twice...A lady might think she'd been taken for a tart.
- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Night and Day* (1978)
- 67 CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY TRIBUNAL: What would you do if you saw a German soldier trying to violate your sister?



- STRACHEY: I would try to get between them.
- **Lytton Strachey** 1880–1932 English biographer: in Robert Graves *Good-bye to All That* (1929); otherwise rendered as, ‘I should interpose my body’
- 68 Masturbation: the primary sexual activity of mankind. In the nineteenth century, it was a disease; in the twentieth, it’s a cure.
- **Thomas Szasz** 1920–2012 Hungarian-born psychiatrist: *The Second Sin* (1973)
- 69 Dip me in chocolate and throw me to the lesbians.
- **Richard Thomas and Stewart Lee**: *Jerry Springer—the Opera* (2003)
- 70 Enjoy your supper, Mr Percy, the port is on the chim-a-ney piece, and don’t forget it’s still adultery!
- on finding her husband Herbert Beerbohm Tree dining à deux with the young and handsome actor Esmé Percy*
- **Lady Tree** 1863–1937 English actress: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 71 I’m all for bringing back the birch, but only between consenting adults.
- **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: in *Sunday Times Magazine* 16 September 1973
- 72 All this fuss about sleeping together. For physical pleasure I’d sooner go to my dentist any day.
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: *Vile Bodies* (1930)
- 73 Why don’t you come up sometime, and see me?
- usually quoted as, ‘Why don’t you come up and see me sometime?’*
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: in *She Done Him Wrong* (1933 film)
- 74 It’s not the men in my life that counts—it’s the life in my men.
- **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: in *I’m No Angel* (1933 film)
- 75 It is no longer enough to be lusty. One must be a sexual gourmet.
- **George F. Will** 1941– American columnist: *The Pursuit of Happiness, and Other Sobering Thoughts* (1978)

# Sickness and Health

see also **EXERCISE, MEDICINE**

A man is as old as his arteries. **Thomas Sydenham**

- 1 You know my father died of cancer when I was a teenager. He had it before it became popular.
- **Goodman Ace** 1899–1982 American humorist: in *New Yorker* 1977
- 2 I’ve got this terrible pain in all the diodes down my left side.
- **Douglas Adams** 1952–2001 English science fiction writer: *The Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy* (BBC radio, 1978), Marvin the Paranoid Android
- 3 I feel as young as I ever did, apart from the occasional heart attack.
- **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: attributed
- 4 I don’t deserve this award, but I have arthritis, and I don’t deserve that either.
- **Jack Benny** 1894–1974 American comedian: attributed
- 5 In 1969 I gave up women and alcohol. It was the worst 20 minutes of my life.
- **George Best** 1946–2005 Northern Irish footballer: attributed
- 6 In the face of such overwhelming statistical possibilities, hypochondria has always seemed to me to be the only rational position to take on life.
- **John Diamond** 1953–2001 British journalist: *C: Because Cowards Get Cancer Too* (1998)



- 7 Health...what my friends are always drinking to before they fall down.
  - **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: *The Joys of Aging—And How to Avoid Them* (1981)
- 8 I wish I had the voice of Homer  
To sing of rectal carcinoma,  
Which kills a lot more chaps, in fact,  
Than were bumped off when Troy was sacked.
  - **J. B. S. Haldane** 1892-1964 Scottish mathematical biologist: 'Cancer's a Funny Thing'; Ronald Clark *J. B. S.* (1968)
- 9 The average, healthy, well-adjusted adult gets up at seven-thirty in the morning feeling just plain terrible.
  - **Jean Kerr** 1923-2003 American writer: *How I Got To Be Perfect* (1979)
- 10 Besides death, constipation is the big fear in hospitals.
  - **Robert McCrum** 1953- British writer: *My Year Off* (1998)
- 11 *on hearing of the illness of Traill, who in 1904 had beaten him for the Provostship of Trinity Dublin:*  
Nothing trivial, I hope.
  - **John Pentland Mahaffy** 1839-1919 Irish writer: Ulick O'Connor *Oliver St John Gogarty* (1964)
- 12 I think the worst time to have a heart attack is during a game of charades.
  - **Demetri Martin** 1973- American comedian: attributed
- 13 It's no longer a question of staying healthy. It's a question of finding a sickness you like.
  - **Jackie Mason** 1931- American comedian: attributed
- 14 *on her replacement hips and knee:*  
I'm Dorothy's daughter up top and the Tin Man down below.
  - **Liza Minelli** 1946- American actress and singer: in *Daily Telegraph* 30 June 2011
- 15 There is no danger of my getting scurvy [while in England], as I have to consume at least two gin-and-limes every evening to keep the cold out.
  - **S. J. Perelman** 1904-79 American humorist: letter, 13 December 1953
- 16 Hypochondria is the one disease I haven't got.
  - **David Renwick** 1951- and **Andrew Marshall**: *The Burkiss Way* (BBC Radio, 1978); Nigel Rees *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 17 A man is as old as his arteries.
  - **Thomas Sydenham** 1624-89 English physician: attributed, but probably apocryphal
- 18 When people discussed tonics, pick-me-ups after a severe illness, she kept to herself the prescription of a quick dip in bed with someone you liked but were not in love with. A shock of sexual astonishment which could make you feel astonishingly well and high spirited.
  - **Mary Wesley** 1912-2002 English novelist: *Not That Sort of Girl* (1987)
- 19 *on hearing that Peter Sellers had suffered a heart attack:*  
What do you mean, heart attack?  
You've got to have a heart before you can have an attack.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: Roger Lewis *The Life and Death of Peter Sellers* (1994)

**Singing** see **SONGS AND SINGING**



# Sleep and Dreams

There ain't no way to find out why a snorer can't hear himself snore. **Mark Twain**

- 1 The amount of sleep required by the average person is about five minutes more.
  - **Anonymous**: saying, sometimes attributed to Max Kauffman or Wilson Mizner
- 2 Sleep is when all the unsorted stuff comes flying out as from a dustbin upset in a high wind.
  - **William Golding** 1911-93 English novelist: *Pincher Martin* (1956)
- 3 I love sleep because it is both pleasant and safe to use.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)
- 4 And so to bed.
  - **Samuel Pepys** 1633-1703 English diarist: diary 20 April 1660
- 5 Sometimes I lie awake at night and
  - I ask, 'Where have I gone wrong?' Then a voice says to me, 'This is going to take more than one night.'
  - **Charles Monroe Schulz** 1922-2000 American cartoonist: attributed
- 6 Many's the long night I've dreamed of cheese—toasted, mostly.
  - **Robert Louis Stevenson** 1850-94 Scottish novelist: *Treasure Island* (1883)
- 7 There ain't no way to find out why a snorer can't hear himself snore.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: *Tom Sawyer Abroad* (1894)
- 8 I haven't been to sleep for over a year. That's why I go to bed early. One needs more rest if one doesn't sleep.
  - **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)

# Snobbery

see also **CLASS**

The trouble with Michael [Heseltine] is that he had to buy all his furniture.

**Michael Jopling**

- 1 **NILES**: She's been afraid to fly since her harrowing incident.  
**DAPHNE**: Oh, dear...Did a plane almost crash?  
**NILES**: No, she was bumped from first class. She still wakes up screaming.
  - **David Angell** 1946-2001, **Peter Casey**, and **David Lee** American television producers: *Frasier* (NBC TV, 1994) 'Can't Buy Me Love', written by Chuck Ranberg and Anne Flett-Giordano; spoken by David Hyde Pierce and Jane Leeves
- 2 Sir Walter Elliot, of Kellynch-hall, in Somersetshire, was a man who, for his own amusement, never took up any book but the Baronetage; there
  - he found occupation for an idle hour, and consolation in a distressed one.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775-1817 English novelist: *Persuasion* (1818)
- 3 Vulgarities has its uses. Vulgarities often cuts ice which refinement scrapes at vainly.
  - **Max Beerbohm** 1872-1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: letter, 21 May 1921
- 4 Sapper, Buchan, Dornford Yates, practitioners in that school of Snobbery with Violence that runs like a thread of good-class tweed through twentieth-century literature.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934- English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)



- 5 Gaily into Ruislip Gardens  
Runs the red electric train,  
With a thousand Ta's and Pardon's  
Daintily alights Elaine.  
▪ **John Betjeman** 1906-84 English poet:  
'Middlesex' (1954)
- 6 And this is good old Boston,  
The home of the bean and the cod,  
Where the Lowells talk to the Cabots  
And the Cabots talk only to God.  
▪ **John Collins Bossidy** 1860-1928 American  
oculist: verse spoken at Holy Cross College  
alumni dinner in Boston, Massachusetts,  
1910
- 7 From Poland to polo in one generation.  
*of Darryl Zanuck*  
▪ **Arthur Caesar** 1892-1953 American  
screenwriter: Max Wilk *The Wit and  
Wisdom of Hollywood* (1972)
- 8 The trouble with Michael is that he had  
to buy all his furniture.  
*of Michael Heseltine*  
▪ **Michael Jopling** 1930- British Conservative  
politician: Alan Clark diary 17 June 1987
- 9 *to undergraduate Lord Curzon who requested  
permission from his Head of College to attend  
a ball in London in honour of the Empress  
Augusta of Germany:*  
I don't think much of Empresses. Good  
morning.  
▪ **Benjamin Jowett** 1817-93 English classicist:  
Kenneth Rose *Superior Person* (1969)
- 10 *alleged response to being addressed as  
'Mr Kingsley' rather than 'Sir Ben' on the  
set of his new film:*  
It's a small word. It's not long. And it's  
not difficult to remember.  
▪ **Ben Kingsley** 1943- English actor:  
attributed; in *Times* 17 June 2003
- 11 We always feel kindly disposed towards  
noble authors.  
▪ **Lord Macaulay** 1800-59 English politician and  
historian: in *Edinburgh Review* January 1833
- 12 *when the Duchess of Devonshire apologized  
to Queen Mary for her son's marrying the  
American dancer Adele Astaire:*  
Don't worry. I have a niece called Smith.  
▪ **Queen Mary** 1867-1953 British Queen  
Consort: in *Times* 1 June 1994; obituary of  
Lady May Abel Smith
- 13 Thank goodness for Tesco. It keeps the  
riff-raff out of Waitrose.  
▪ **Royce Mills** 1942- English actor: as Widow  
Twankay in *Aladdin* at the Yvonne Arnaud  
Theatre, Guildford, 2012
- 14 *Ogden Nash had had his car broken into in  
Boston:*  
I'd expect to be robbed in Chicago  
But not in the land of the cod,  
So I hope that the Cabots and Lowells  
Will mention the matter to God.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist:  
David Frost and Michael Shea *The Mid-  
Atlantic Companion* (1986)
- 15 *on being told that Clare Boothe Luce was  
always kind to her inferiors:*  
And where does she find them?  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic  
and humorist: Marion Meade *What Fresh  
Hell is This?* (1988)
- 16 There is no stronger craving in the  
world than that of the rich for titles,  
except perhaps that of the titled for  
riches.  
▪ **Hesketh Pearson** 1887-1964 English actor  
and biographer: *The Pilgrim Daughters*  
(1961)
- 17 I am his Highness' dog at Kew;  
Pray, tell me sir, whose dog are you?  
▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688-1744 English poet:  
'Epigram Engraved on the Collar of a Dog  
which I gave to his Royal Highness' (1738)
- 18 You can be in the Horseguards and still  
be common, dear.  
▪ **Terence Rattigan** 1911-77 English dramatist:  
*Separate Tables* (1954) 'Table Number  
Seven'
- 19 Good God! I've never drunk a vintage  
that starts with the number two  
before.  
▪ **Nicholas Soames** 1948- British Conservative  
politician: in *Daily Mail* 5 June 2003
- 20 Whenever he met a great man he  
grovelled before him, and my-lorded  
him as only a free-born Briton can do.  
▪ **William Makepeace Thackeray** 1811-63  
English novelist: *Vanity Fair* (1847-8)



# Society and Social Life

see also **PARTIES**

I don't want to belong to any club that will accept me as a member.

**Groucho Marx**

- 1 It was a delightful visit;—perfect, in being much too short.
  - **Jane Austen** 1775–1817 English novelist: *Emma* (1816)
- 2 Though you would often in the fifteenth century have heard the snobbish Roman say, in a would-be off-hand tone, 'I am dining with the Borgias tonight,' no Roman ever was able to say, 'I dined last night with the Borgias.'
  - **Max Beerbohm** 1872–1956 English critic, essayist, and caricaturist: *And Even Now* (1920)
- 3 Phone for the fish-knives, Norman  
As Cook is a little unnerved;  
You kiddies have crumpled the serviettes  
And I must have things daintily served.
  - **John Betjeman** 1906–84 English poet: 'How to get on in Society' (1954)
- 4 I'm a man more dined against than dining.
  - **Maurice Bowra** 1898–1971 English scholar and literary critic: John Betjeman *Summoned by Bells* (1960)
- 5 In London, at the Café de Paris, I sang to café society; in Las Vegas, at the Desert Inn, I sang to Nescafé society.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 6 I'm Burlington Bertie  
I rise at ten thirty and saunter along like a toff,  
I walk down the Strand with my gloves on my hand,  
Then I walk down again with them off.
  - **W. F. Hargreaves** 1846–1919 British songwriter: 'Burlington Bertie from Bow' (1915)
- 7 Dear Miss Manners: If you had a single piece of advice to offer a couple who want to break into society, what would it be?  
Gentle Reader, Don't bother.
  - **Judith Martin** 1938– American journalist: *Miss Manners Guide to Excruciatingly Correct Behaviour* (1979)
- 8 PLEASE ACCEPT MY RESIGNATION. I DON'T WANT TO BELONG TO ANY CLUB THAT WILL ACCEPT ME AS A MEMBER.
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890–1977 American film comedian: telegram; *Groucho and Me* (1959)
- 9 The truly free man is the one who will turn down an invitation to dinner without giving an excuse.
  - **Jules Renard** 1864–1910 French novelist and dramatist: *Journal* October 1895
- 10 All decent people live beyond their incomes nowadays, and those who aren't respectable live beyond other peoples'.
  - **Saki** 1870–1916 Scottish writer: *Chronicles of Clovis* (1911)
- 11 MENDOZA: I am a brigand: I live by robbing the rich.  
TANNER: I am a gentleman: I live by robbing the poor.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 12 GERALD: I suppose society is wonderfully delightful!  
LORD ILLINGWORTH: To be in it is merely a bore. But to be out of it simply a tragedy.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)



# Songs and Singing

see also **OPERA**

I was just wondering, is this the place where I'm supposed to be drowned by the waves or by the orchestra? **John Coates**

- 1 Today if something is not worth saying, people sing it.

- **Pierre-Augustin Caron de Beaumarchais** 1732-99 French dramatist: *Le Barbier de Séville* (1775)

- 2 to the tenor Heddle Nash, lying on the bed in Mimi's deathbed scene:

'I can't hear you. Sing up!'

'How do you expect me to sing my best in this position, Sir Thomas?'

'In that position, my dear fellow, I have performed some of my greatest achievements.'

- **Thomas Beecham** 1879-1961 English conductor: Neville Cardus *Sir Thomas Beecham* (1961)

- 3 I love to sing. And I love to drink scotch. Most people would rather hear me drink scotch.

- **George Burns** 1896-1996 American comedian: in *New York Magazine* 13 May 1974

- 4 I was just wondering, is this the place where I'm supposed to be drowned by the waves or by the orchestra?

the tenor in *The Wreckers* explaining to Sir Thomas Beecham why he had stopped

- **John Coates** 1865-1941 English tenor: C. Reid *Sir Thomas Beecham* (1961)

- 5 Swans sing before they die: 'twere no bad thing

Should certain persons die before they sing.

- **Samuel Taylor Coleridge** 1772-1834 English poet, critic, and philosopher: 'On a Volunteer Singer' (1834)

- 6 DYLAN: I do know what my songs are about.

PLAYBOY: And what's that?

DYLAN: Oh, some are about four minutes; some are about five, and some, believe it or not, are about eleven.

- **Bob Dylan** 1941- American singer and songwriter: interview in *Playboy* March 1966

- 7 People never talked about my music. They just counted how many knickers were on the stage.

- **Tom Jones** 1940- Welsh pop singer: in *Sunday Times* 18 June 2000

- 8 refusing to accept further changes to lyrics: Call me Miss Birdseye. This show is frozen!

- **Ethel Merman** 1909-84 American singer and actress: in *Times* 13 July 1985

- 9 'Who wrote that song?'

'Rodgers and Hammerstein. If you can imagine it taking two men to write one song.'

of 'Some Enchanted Evening' (1949)

- **Cole Porter** 1891-1964 American songwriter: G. Eells *The Life that Late He Led* (1967)

- 10 Tenors are usually short, stout men (except when they are Wagnerian tenors, in which case they are large, stout men).

- **Harold Schonberg** 1915-2003 American music critic: in *Show* December 1961

- 11 the president of CBS Records to Leonard Cohen:

Leonard, we know you're great, but we don't know if you're any good.

- **Walter Yetnikoff** 1933- American businessman: in 1984; Ira B. Nadel *Various Positions: a life of Leonard Cohen* (1996)



# Speeches

The most popular speaker is the one who sits down before he stands up.

**John Pentland Mahaffy**

- 1 An after dinner speech should be like a lady's dress: long enough to cover the subject but short enough to be interesting.
  - **Anonymous:** traditional saying
- 2 There are three golden rules for Parliamentary speakers: 'Stand up. Speak up. Shut up.'
  - **Anonymous:** traditional saying, sometimes associated with James W. Lowther (1855-1949), Speaker of the House of Commons
- 3 I do not object to people looking at their watches when I am speaking. But I strongly object when they start shaking them to make certain they are still going.
  - **Lord Birkett** 1883-1962 English judge: in *Observer* 30 October 1960
- 4 Castroenteritis.  
*describing Fidel Castro's speaking style*
  - **Guillermo Cabrera Infante** 1929-2005 Cuban writer: *Mea Cuba* (1994)
- 5 *encountering A. P. Herbert after his maiden speech in the House of Commons:*  
That wasn't a maiden speech—it was a brazen hussy of a speech—a painted tart of a speech.
  - **Winston Churchill** 1874-1965 British Conservative statesman: Collin Brooks, diary 9 December 1935
- 6 **ALEXANDER SMYTH:** You, sir, speak for the present generation, but I speak for posterity.  
**HENRY CLAY:** Yes, and you seem resolved to speak until the arrival of *your* audience.
  - **Henry Clay** 1777-1852 American politician: in the US Senate; Robert V. Remini *Henry Clay* (1991)
- 7 If you don't say anything, you won't be called on to repeat it.
  - **Calvin Coolidge** 1872-1933 American Republican statesman: attributed
- 8 I dreamt I was making a speech in the House. I woke up, and by Jove I was!
  - **Duke of Devonshire** 1833-1908 British Conservative politician: Winston Churchill *Thoughts and Adventures* (1932)
- 9 A sophisticated rhetorician, inebriated with the exuberance of his own verbosity.  
*of Gladstone*
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: in *Times* 29 July 1878
- 10 Hubert Humphrey talks so fast that listening to him is like trying to read *Playboy* magazine with your wife turning the pages.
  - **Barry Goldwater** 1909-98 American Republican politician: attributed; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 11 Please can we have no more complaints about the pauses in Tony Blair's speeches. They are the best parts.
  - **David Guest:** letter to *Daily Telegraph* 17 February 2005
- 12 a 'close second' to Robert Benchley's choice of the most disagreeable combination of words in English:  
Would you care to say a few words?
  - **Richard Ingrams** 1937- English satirical journalist: in *Observer* 29 August 2004 (see also **words** 5)
- 13 The human brain starts working the moment you are born and never stops until you stand up to speak in public.
  - **George Jessel** 1898-1981 American comedian: in *Observer* 7 August 1949
- 14 I may not know much, but I know chicken shit from a chicken salad.  
*on a speech by Richard Nixon*
  - **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: Merle Miller *Lyndon* (1980)



- 15 Did you ever think that making a speech on economics is a lot like pissing down your leg? It seems hot to you, but it never does to anyone else.  
*to J. K. Galbraith*
  - **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: J. K. Galbraith *A Life in Our Times* (1981)
- 16 I appreciate your welcome. As the cow said to the Maine farmer 'Thank you for a warm hand on a cold morning'.
  - **John F. Kennedy** 1917-63 American Democratic statesman: speech, 2 November 1960
- 17 How can one best summon up the exquisite, earnest tedium of the speech of Sir Geoffrey Howe in yesterday's South African debate? It was rather like watching a much-loved family tortoise creeping over the lawn in search of a distant tomato.  
*on the then British Foreign Secretary*
  - **David McKie** 1935- British journalist: in *Guardian* 17 July 1986
- 18 The most popular speaker is the one who sits down before he stands up.
  - **John Pentland Mahaffy** 1839-1919 Irish writer: W. B. Stanford and R. B. McDowell *Mahaffy* (1971)
- 19 A speech is like a love affair: any fool can start one but to end one requires considerable skill.
  - **Lord Mancroft** 1914-87 British Conservative politician: attributed
- 20 According to most studies, people's number one fear is public speaking. Number two is death. Death is number two. Does that sound right? This means to the average person, if you go to a funeral, you're better off in the casket than doing the eulogy.
  - **Jerry Seinfeld** 1954- American comedian: attributed
- 21 He has devoted the best years of his life to preparing his impromptu speeches.  
*on Winston Churchill*
  - **F. E. Smith** 1872-1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: S. E. Ayling *Twelve Portraits of Power* (1962)
- 22 I fear I cannot make an amusing speech. I have just been reading a book which says that 'all geniuses are devoid of humour'.
  - **Stephen Spender** 1909-95 English poet: speech in a debate at the Cambridge Union, January 1938
- 23 Nixon's farm policy is vague, but he is going a long way toward solving the corn surplus by his speeches.
  - **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: Bill Adler *The Stevenson Wit* (1966)
- 24 The last time I was in this hall was when my late beloved boss, Frank Knox, the secretary of the Navy, spoke here, and it was a better speech than the one I'll be giving here tonight. I should know, I wrote them both.
  - **Adlai Stevenson** 1900-65 American Democratic politician: attributed
- 25 Whales only get killed when they spout.  
*declining a request to be interviewed*
  - **Denis Thatcher** 1915-2003 British businessman: in *Times* 8 July 2003
- 26 To remain silent is the most useful service that a mediocre speaker can render to the public good.
  - **Alexis de Tocqueville** 1805-59 French historian and politician: *Democracy in America* (1840)
- 27 I am here to propose a toast to the sports writers. It's up to you whether you stand or not.
  - **Freddie Trueman** 1931-2006 English cricketer: Michael Parkinson *Sporting Lives* (1993)
- 28 Better to keep your mouth shut and appear stupid than to open it and remove all doubt.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: James Munson (ed.) *The Sayings of Mark Twain* (1992); attributed, perhaps apocryphal



# Sports and Games

see also **BASEBALL, BOXING, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, GOLF, TENNIS**

We break bones and we lose teeth. We play rugby. **Martin Johnson**

- 1 HE: Excuse me won't you—I'm a little stiff from badminton.  
SHE: It doesn't matter where you're from.  
▪ **Anonymous:** traditional, now often associated with Morecambe and Wise
- 2 Bridge, because of its tendency to encourage prolonged smoking and its deadly immobility, is probably the most dangerous game played in England now.  
*a doctor's view*  
▪ **Anonymous:** in *Medical World* May 1960
- 3 *on being asked why he did not hunt:*  
I do not see why I should break my neck because a dog chooses to run after a nasty smell.  
▪ **Arthur James Balfour** 1848–1930 British Conservative statesman: Ian Malcolm Lord Balfour. *A Memory* (1930)
- 4 Playing snooker gives you firm hands and helps to build up character. It is the ideal recreation for dedicated nuns.  
*view of the Pope's emissary, attending a sponsored snooker championship at Tyburn convent*  
▪ **Luigi Barbarito** 1922– Italian Roman Catholic clergyman: in *Daily Telegraph* 15 November 1989
- 5 Rugby is a beastly game played by gentlemen.  
Soccer is a gentleman's game played by beasts.  
[American] Football is a beastly game played by beasts.  
▪ **Henry Blaha** American football player: attributed
- 6 I do not participate in any sport with ambulances at the bottom of the hill.  
▪ **Erma Bombeck** 1927–96 American humorist: attributed; A. J. Maikovich and M. Brown (eds.) *Sports Quotations* (2000)
- 7 If a man watches three games of football in a row, he should be declared legally dead.  
▪ **Erma Bombeck** 1927–96 American humorist: attributed; A. J. Maikovich and M. Brown (eds.) *Sports Quotations* (2000)
- 8 A couple of weeks ago I knew nothing about the Olympics. Now I can't wait for next year's.  
▪ **Frankie Boyle** 1972– British comedian: in *Sun* 10 August 2012
- 9 *on running the London Marathon:*  
I've set myself a target. I'm going for less than eleven-and-a-half days.  
▪ **Jo Brand** 1957– English comedian: in *Observer* 27 February 2005
- 10 Life's too short for chess.  
▪ **H. J. Byron** 1835–84 English dramatist: *Our Boys* (1875)
- 11 *on fox-hunting*  
The only little red pests I pursue these days are in this House.  
▪ **David Cameron** 1966– British Conservative statesman: in the House of Commons, 9 January 2013
- 12 The trouble with referees is that they just don't care which side wins.  
▪ **Tom Canterbury** American basketball player: in *Guardian* 24 December 1980
- 13 As elaborate a waste of human intelligence as you could find anywhere outside an advertising agency.  
*on chess*  
▪ **Raymond Chandler** 1888–1959 American writer: *The Long Goodbye* (1953)
- 14 If you lived in Sheffield and were called Sebastian, you had to learn to run fast at a very early stage.  
▪ **Sebastian Coe** 1956– English athlete: in *Times* 26 May 1998



- 15 I went to a fight the other night and an ice hockey game broke out.
  - **Rodney Dangerfield** 1921-2004 American comedian: attributed
- 16 Deer-stalking would be a very fine sport if only the deer had guns.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836-1911 English writer: Hesketh Pearson *Gilbert and Sullivan* (1951)
- 17 The thing about sport, any sport, is that swearing is very much part of it.
  - **Jimmy Greaves** 1940- English footballer: in *Observer* 1 January 1989 'Sayings of the Year'
- 18 I was watching sumo wrestling on the TV for two hours before I realized it was darts.
  - **Hattie Hayridge** 1959- English comedienne: attributed
- 19 What you've got to remember about Michael is that under that cold professional Germanic exterior beats a heart of stone.  
*of Michael Schumacher*
  - **Damon Hill** 1960- English motor-racing driver: in May 2000
- 20 Get your retaliation in first.
  - **Carwyn James** 1929-83 Welsh Rugby Football coach: to the British Lions team in 1971; quoted in David Pickering (ed.) *Cassell's Sports Quotations* (2002)
- 21 The only athletic sport I ever mastered was backgammon.
  - **Douglas Jerrold** 1803-57 English dramatist and journalist: Walter Jerrold *Douglas Jerrold* (1914)
- 22 We break bones and we lose teeth.  
We play rugby.
  - **Martin Johnson** 1970- English rugby player: *Martin Johnson Autobiography* (2003)
- 23 It is very strange, and very melancholy, that the paucity of human pleasures should persuade us ever to call hunting one of them.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: Hester Lynch Piozzi *Anecdotes of ... Johnson* (1786)
- 24 I remain of the opinion that there is no game from bridge to cricket that is not improved by a little light conversation;
  - a view which...is shared only by a small and unjustly despised minority.
  - **Osbert Lancaster** 1908-86 English writer and cartoonist: *All Done From Memory* (1953)
- 25 If you play bridge badly you make your partner suffer, but if you play poker badly you make everybody happy.
  - **Joe Laurie Jr.** 1892-1954 American comedian: attributed
- 26 If you don't have confidence, you'll always find a way not to win.
  - **Carl Lewis** 1961- American athlete: attributed
- 27 Rodeoing is about the only sport you can't fix. You'd have to talk to the bulls and the horses, and they wouldn't understand you.
  - **Bill Linderman** 1920-65 American rodeo cowboy: in 1961; Jonathon Green and Don Atyeo (eds.) *The Book of Sports Quotes* (1979)
- 28 Swimming is a confusing sport, because sometimes you do it for fun, and other times you do it to not die. And when I'm swimming, sometimes I'm not sure which one it is.
  - **Demetri Martin** 1973- American comedian: attributed
- 29 I hate all sports as rabidly as a person who likes sports hates common sense.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 30 Athletic sports, save in the case of young boys, are designed for idiots.
  - **George Jean Nathan** 1882-1958 American critic and writer: *Testament of a Critic* (1931)
- 31 The sport of ski-ing consists of wearing three thousand dollars' worth of clothes and equipment and driving two hundred miles in the snow in order to stand around at a bar and get drunk.
  - **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947- American humorous writer: *Modern Manners* (1984)
- 32 *Goering's excuse for being late was a shooting party:*  
*Animals, I hope.*
  - **Eric Phipps** 1875-1945 British diplomat: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984); attributed



- 33 The atmosphere here is a cross between the Munich Beer Festival and the Coliseum at Rome when the Christians were on the menu.  
*at a darts match*
- **Sid Waddell** 1940–2012 English sports commentator: in 1980, attributed
- 34 I have observed in women of her type a tendency to regard all athletics as inferior forms of foxhunting.
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)
- 35 The English country gentleman galloping after a fox—the unspeakable in full pursuit of the uneatable.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893); see law 29
- 36 *on American football:*  
Football combines the two worst features of modern American life: it's violence punctuated by committee meetings.
- **George F. Will** 1941– American columnist: *Baseball* (PBS TV, 1994)
- 37 The fascination of shooting as a sport depends almost wholly on whether you are at the right or wrong end of a gun.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: attributed
- 38 Jogging is for people who aren't intelligent enough to watch television.
- **Victoria Wood** 1953– British writer and comedienne: *Mens Sana in Thingummy Doodah* (1990)

## Statistics

Statistics are like a bikini. What they reveal is suggestive, but what they conceal is vital. **Aaron Levenstein**

- [The War Office kept three sets of figures:] one to mislead the public, another to mislead the Cabinet, and the third to mislead itself.
- There are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies and statistics.
- He uses statistics as a drunken man uses

lamp posts—for support rather than illumination.

- **Andrew Lang** 1844–1912 Scottish man of letters: attributed

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- **Aaron Levenstein** 1911–86 American academic: attributed, Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)

- I treat opinion polls with a pinch of sugar.

- **Ed Miliband** 1969– British Labour politician: in *Sunday Times* 22 January 2012



# Success

see also **FAILURE**

Be nice to people on your way up because you'll meet 'em on your way down.

**Wilson Mizner**

- 1 Eighty per cent of success is showing up.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: attributed
- 2 The road to success is always under construction.
  - **Anonymous**: traditional saying, today associated with Lily Tomlin
- 3 Success is the one unpardonable sin against our fellows.
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Enlarged Devil's Dictionary* (1967)
- 4 Where did we go right?  
*of an unexpected success*
  - **Mel Brooks** 1926– American film director and actor: *The Producers* (1967 film), spoken by Zero Mostel
- 5 Behind every successful man you'll find a woman who has nothing to wear.
  - **Harold Coffin** d. 1981 American columnist: attributed in *Reader's Digest* (1960)
- 6 Whom the gods wish to destroy they first call promising.
  - **Cyril Connolly** 1903–74 English writer: *Enemies of Promise* (1938)
- 7 Nothing succeeds, they say, like success. And certainly nothing fails like failure.
  - **Margaret Drabble** 1939– English novelist: *The Millstone* (1965)
- 8 Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into thinking they can't lose.
  - **Bill Gates** 1955– American computer entrepreneur: *The Road Ahead* (1996)
- 9 *formula for success:*  
Rise early. Work late. Strike oil.
  - **John Paul Getty** 1892–1976 American industrialist: attributed
- 10 Behind every man's achievement is a proud wife and a surprised mother-in-law.
  - **Brooks Hays** 1898–1981 American Democratic politician: introducing his ninety-five-year-old mother-in-law to President Kennedy, 1 December 1961
- 11 Well, we knocked the bastard off!  
*on conquering Mount Everest, 1953*
  - **Edmund Hillary** 1919–2008 New Zealand mountaineer: *Nothing Venture, Nothing Win* (1975)
- 12 Luck, like a Russian car, generally only works if you push it.
  - **Tom Holt** 1961– English novelist: *My Hero* (1996)
- 13 This very remarkable man  
Commends a most practical plan:  
You can do what you want  
If you don't think you can't,  
So don't think you can't think you can.
  - **Charles Inge** 1868–1957: 'On Monsieur Coué' (1928)
- 14 Success didn't spoil me. I've always been insufferable.
  - **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer: attributed
- 15 It is sobering to consider that when Mozart was my age he had already been dead for a year.
  - **Tom Lehrer** 1928– American humorist: N. Shapiro (ed.) *An Encyclopedia of Quotations about Music* (1978)
- 16 How to succeed in business without really trying.
  - **Shepherd Mead** 1914–94 American advertising executive: title of book (1952)
- 17 The theory seems to be that as long as a man is a failure he is one of God's children, but that as soon as he succeeds he is taken over by the Devil.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report* (1956)



- 18 Be nice to people on your way up because you'll meet 'em on your way down.
  - **Wilson Mizner** 1876-1933 American dramatist: Alva Johnston *The Legendary Mizners* (1953)
- 19 On the highest throne in the world, we still sit only on our bottom.
  - **Montaigne** 1533-92 French moralist and essayist: *Essays* (1580)
- 20 The world is divided into people who do things and people who get the credit. Try, if you can, to belong to the first class. There's far less competition.
  - **Dwight Morrow** 1873-1931 American lawyer, banker, and diplomat: letter to his son; Harold Nicolson *Dwight Morrow* (1935)
- 21 David Frost has risen without trace.
  - **Kitty Muggeridge** 1903-94 English writer: said c.1965 to Malcolm Muggeridge
- 22 It is difficult to soar like an eagle when you are surrounded by turkeys.  
*words embroidered on a cushion for her husband John Osborne*
  - **Helen Osborne** 1939-2004: in *Daily Telegraph* 14 January 2004
- 23 The man of talent is like a marksman who hits a mark others cannot hit; the man of genius is like a marksman who hits a mark they cannot even see to.
  - **Arthur Schopenhauer** 1788-1860 German philosopher: *The World as Will and Representation* (1886)
- 24 I never climbed any ladder: I have achieved eminence by sheer gravitation.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: preface to *The Irrational Knot* (1905)
- 25 Our business in this world is not to succeed, but to continue to fail, in good spirits.
  - **Robert Louis Stevenson** 1850-94 Scottish novelist: *Ethical Studies* (1924)
- 26 President George W. Bush overcame an incredible lack of obstacles to achieve his success.
  - **Jon Stewart** 1962- American satirist: in concert at the Prince Edward Theatre, 11 December 2005
- 27 There's no deodorant like success.
  - **Elizabeth Taylor** 1932-2011 English-born American actress: in *Life* 18 December 1964
- 28 Success is the necessary misfortune of life, but it is only to the very unfortunate that it comes early.
  - **Anthony Trollope** 1815-82 English novelist: *Orley Farm* (1862)
- 29 Whenever a friend succeeds, a little something in me dies.
  - **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: in *Sunday Times Magazine* 16 September 1973
- 30 It matters not whether you win or lose: what matters is whether I win or lose.
  - **Darin Weinberg**: attributed
- 31 Moderation is a fatal thing, Lady Hunstanton. Nothing succeeds like excess.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 32 Success is a science; if you have the conditions, you get the result.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: letter ?March-April 1883
- 33 *to fellow Welshman, the actor Victor Spinetti:*  
Ah, Victor, still struggling to keep your head below water.
  - **Emlyn Williams** 1905-87 Welsh dramatist: attributed; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)



# Taxes

Income Tax has made more Liars out of the American people than Golf.

**Will Rogers**

- 1 I believe we should all pay our tax bill with a smile. I tried—but they wanted cash.
  - **Anonymous:** modern saying
- 2 Why does a slight tax increase cost you two hundred dollars and a substantial tax cut save you thirty cents?
  - **Peg Bracken** 1918–2007 American writer: *I Didn't Come Here To Argue* (1969)
- 3 Mansions can't run away to Switzerland.
  - **Vince Cable** 1943– British Liberal Democrat politician: in *Independent on Sunday* 31 July 2011
- 4 It was as true...as taxes is. And nothing's truer than them.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *David Copperfield* (1850)
- 5 In the first year the Income Tax paper arrived and I filled it up to show that I was not liable. They returned the paper with 'Most unsatisfactory' scrawled across it. I wrote 'I entirely agree' under the words, and returned it once more.
  - **Arthur Conan Doyle** 1859–1930 Scottish-born writer: *Memories and Adventures* (1924)
- 6 Why sir, there is every possibility that you will soon be able to tax it!
  - **Michael Faraday** 1791–1867 English physicist and chemist: W. E. H. Lecky *Democracy and Liberty* (1899 ed.)
- 7 *Excise.* A hateful tax levied upon commodities.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755)
- 8 Logic and taxation are not always the best of friends.
  - **James C. McReynolds** 1862–1946 American lawyer: concurring in *Sonneborn Bros. v. Cureton* 1923
- 9 A fat policeman chasing a speeding Ferrari.
  - **Lord Oakeshott** 1947– British Liberal Democrat politician: in *Guardian* 17 March 2009
- 10 Taxation, gentlemen, is very much like dairy farming. The task is to extract the maximum amount of milk with the minimum of moo.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Jingo* (1997)
- 11 I'm up to my neck in the real world, every day. Just you try doing your VAT return with a head full of goblins.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: in *Sunday Times* 27 February 2000 'Talking Heads'
- 12 Next to being shot at and missed, nothing is quite as satisfying as an income tax refund.
  - **F. J. Raymond:** attributed
- 13 Income Tax has made more Liars out of the American people than Golf.
  - **Will Rogers** 1879–1935 American actor and humorist: *The Illiterate Digest* (1924) 'Helping the Girls with their Income Taxes'
- 14 What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Notebook* 30 December 1902



# Technology

see also **PROGRESS, SCIENCE**

The thing with high-tech is that you always end up using scissors.

**David Hockney**

- 1 When all else fails, read the instructions.
  - **Anonymous**: twentieth-century saying
- 2 When man wanted to make a machine that would walk he created the wheel, which does not resemble a leg.
  - **Guillaume Apollinaire** 1880-1918 French poet: *Les Mamelles de Tirésias* (1918)
- 3 Inanimate objects are classified scientifically into three major categories—those that don't work, those that break down, and those that get lost.
  - **Russell Baker** 1925- American journalist and columnist: in *New York Times* 18 June 1968
- 4 Let's be frank, the Italians' technological contribution to humankind stopped with the pizza oven.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *Neither Here Nor There* (1991)
- 5 The first rule of intelligent tinkering is to save all the parts.
  - **Paul Ralph Ehrlich** 1932- American biologist: in *Saturday Review* 5 June 1971
- 6 Technology...the knack of so arranging the world that we need not experience it.
  - **Max Frisch** 1911-91 Swiss novelist and dramatist: *Homo Faber* (1957)
- 7 Oh, it's a marvellous invention, this is. I don't know what I'd do without this... Friends all over the world. None in this country, but all over the world.
  - **Ray Galton** 1930- and **Alan Simpson** 1929- English scriptwriters: *Hancock's Half Hour* (BBC radio, 1961) 'The Radio Ham'
- 8 Desks are really bacteria cafeterias.
  - on research which showed that keyboards, computer mice and telephone dials are more infested with microbes than toilet seats
  - **Charles Gerba** American microbiologist: attributed, in *Times* 16 March 2004
- 9 If it weren't for electricity, we'd all be watching television by candlelight.
  - **George Gobel** 1919-91 America comedian: attributed, in *Cue* 6 November 1954
- 10 The itemised phone bill ranks up there with suspender belts, Sky Sports Channels and Loaded magazine as inventions women could do without.
  - **Maeve Haran** 1932- British writer: in *Mail on Sunday* 25 April 1999
- 11 The thing with high-tech is that you always end up using scissors.
  - **David Hockney** 1937- British artist: in *Observer* 10 July 1994 'Sayings of the Week'
- 12 Our toaster works on either AC or DC but not on bread. It has two settings—too soon or too late.
  - **Sam Levenson** 1911-80 American humorist: *In One Era and Out the Other* (1973)
- 13 Xerox: a trademark for a photocopying device that can make rapid reproductions of human error, perfectly.
  - **Merle L. Meacham**: Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for Our Time* (1977)
- 14 No man can hear his telephone ring without wishing heartily that Alexander Graham Bell had been run over by an ice wagon at the age of four.
  - **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: Marion Elizabeth Rodgers Mencken: *The American Iconoclast* (2005)
- 15 When the inventor of the drawing board messed things up, what did he go back to?
  - **Bob Monkhouse** 1928-2003 English entertainer: attributed; in *Guardian* 29 December 2003 (online edition)



- 16 praise without end the go-ahead zeal  
of whoever it was invented the wheel;  
but never a word for the poor soul's  
sake  
that thought ahead, and invented

the brake.

- **Howard Nemerov** 1920–91 American poet and novelist: 'To the Congress of the United States, Entering Its Third Century' 26 February 1989

# Telegrams

PUT CORPSE ON ICE TILL CLOSE OF PLAY.

**E. M. Grace**

- 1 Along the electric wire the message  
came:

He is not better—he is much the same.

*parodic poem on the illness of the Prince of Wales, later King Edward VII*

- **Anonymous:** F. H. Gribble *Romance of the Cambridge Colleges* (1913); sometimes attributed to Alfred Austin (1835–1913), Poet Laureate

- 2 as a young Times correspondent in America, Claud Cockburn received a telegram authorizing him to report a murder in Al Capone's Chicago:

BY ALL MEANS COCKBURN

CHICAGOWARDS. WELCOME STORIES

EX-CHICAGO NOT UNDULY EMPHASISING  
CRIME.

- **Anonymous:** Claud Cockburn *In Time of Trouble* (1956)
- 3 telegraph message on arriving in Venice:  
STREETS FLOODED. PLEASE ADVISE.
- **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: R. E. Drennan *Wit's End* (1973)

- 4 appeal to his wife:

AM IN MARKET HARBOROUGH. WHERE  
OUGHT I TO BE?

- **G. K. Chesterton** 1874–1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: *Autobiography* (1936)

- 5 Dear Mrs A.,  
Hooray, hooray,  
At last you are deflowered.  
On this as every other day  
I love you—Noel Coward.

- **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: telegram to Gertrude Lawrence, 5 July 1940 (the day after her wedding)

- 6 HAVE MOVED HOTEL EXCELSIOR  
COUGHING MYSELF INTO A FIRENZE.  
*telegram from Florence*

- **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Angus McGill and Kenneth Thomson *Live Wires* (1982)

- 7 LEGITIMATE AT LAST WONT MOTHER BE  
PLEASED.

*on Gertrude Lawrence's first straight role*

- **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *A Talent to Amuse* (1969)

- 8 despite the threat of World War II,  
arrangements for the revue *Set to Music*  
went ahead:

SUGGEST YOU ENGAGE EIGHT REALLY  
BEAUTIFUL SHOWGIRLS MORE OR  
LESS SAME HEIGHT NO REAL TALENT  
REQUIRED.

- **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: telegram to Jack Wilson; Sheridan Morley *A Talent to Amuse* (1969)

- 9 sent by W. G. Grace's elder brother, a cricket-  
playing coroner, to postpone an inquest:  
PUT CORPSE ON ICE TILL CLOSE OF PLAY.

- **E. M. Grace** 1841–1911 English cricketer: A. A. Thomson *The Great Cricketer* (1957); perhaps apocryphal

- 10 response to a telegraphic enquiry, HOW OLD  
CARY GRANT?:

OLD CARY GRANT FINE. HOW YOU?

- **Cary Grant** 1904–86 British-born American actor: R. Schickel *Cary Grant* (1983)

- 11 LAST SUPPER AND ORIGINAL CAST  
COULDN'T DRAW IN THIS HOUSE.  
*telegram to his father during a bad week*



- with a stock acting company
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Angus McGill and Kenneth Thomson *Live Wires* (1982)
- 12 *Carl Laemmle Jr. had sent a telegram to his father, PLEASE WIRE MORE MONEY AM TALKING TO FRENCH COUNT RE MOVIE: NO MONEY TILL YOU LEARN TO SPELL.*
- **Carl Laemmle** 1867-1939 American film producer: Angus McGill and Kenneth Thomson *Live Wires* (1982)
- 13 *an estate agent in Bermuda told her that the house she was considering came with a maid, a secretary, and a chauffeur:*
- AIRMAIL PHOTOGRAPH OF CHAUFFEUR.
- **Beatrice Lillie** 1894-1989 Canadian-born comedienne: Angus McGill and Kenneth Thomson *Live Wires* (1982)
- 14 *telegram to Mrs Sherwood on the arrival of her baby:*
- GOOD WORK, MARY. WE ALL KNEW YOU HAD IT IN YOU.
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: Alexander Woollcott *While Rome Burns* (1934)
- 15 *to a couple who had married after living together: WHAT'S NEW?*
- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: S. T. Brownlow (ed.) *The Sayings of Dorothy Parker* (1992)
- 16 *Satisfied great success. reply to telegram from Billy Rose, suggesting that reorchestration by Robert Russell Bennett might make a ballet which was 'a great success' even more successful*
- **Igor Stravinsky** 1882-1971 Russian composer: in Ned Sherrin in his *Anecdote* (1993)
- 17 *cables were soon arriving... 'Require earliest name life story photograph American nurse upblown Adowa.' We replied:*
- NURSE UNUPBLOWN.
- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Waugh in Abyssinia* (1936)
- 18 *FEAR I MAY NOT BE ABLE TO REACH YOU IN TIME FOR THE CEREMONY. DON'T WAIT.*
- telegram of apology for missing Oscar Wilde's wedding*
- **James McNeill Whistler** 1834-1903 American-born painter: E. J. and R. Pennell *The Life of James McNeill Whistler* (1908)
- 19 *his wife had requested him, when in Paris, to buy and send her a bidet:*
- UNABLE OBTAIN BIDET. SUGGEST HANDSTAND IN SHOWER.
- **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: Leslie Halliwell *Filmgoer's Book of Quotes* (1973)

## Television

Never miss a chance to have sex or appear on television. **Gore Vidal**

- 1 TV—a clever contraction derived from the words Terrible Vaudeville...we call it a medium because nothing's well done.
  - **Goodman Ace** 1899-1982 American humorist: letter to Groucho Marx, c.1953
- 2 Television is a triumph of equipment over people, and the minds that control it are so small that you could put them in a gnat's navel with room left over for two caraway seeds and an agent's heart.
  - **Fred Allen** 1894-1956 American humorist: attributed
- 3 The best that can be said for Norwegian television is that it gives you the sensation of a coma without the worry and inconvenience.
  - **Bill Bryson** 1951- American travel writer: *Neither Here Nor There* (1991)
- 4 Theatre actors look down on film actors, who look down on TV actors. Thank God for reality shows or we wouldn't have anybody to look down on.
  - **George Clooney** 1961- American actor and director: in *Observer* 10 February 2008



- 5 Television is more interesting than people. If it were not, we should have people standing in the corners of our rooms.
  - **Alan Coren** 1938-2007 English humorist: attributed; in *The Penguin Dictionary of Twentieth-Century Quotations* (1993)
- 6 We hope to amuse the customers with music and with rhyme  
But ninety minutes is a long, long time.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: '90 Minutes is a Long, Long Time' (1955); opening song for a CBS television live special starring Noël Coward and Mary Martin
- 7 Television is for appearing on, not looking at.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Dick Richards *The Wit of Noël Coward* (1968)
- 8 Television is an invention that permits you to be entertained in your living room by people you wouldn't have in your home.
  - **David Frost** 1939-2013 English broadcaster and writer: attributed
- 9 IAN ST JOHN: Is he speaking to you yet?  
JIMMY GREAVES: Not yet, but I hope to be incommunicado with him in a very short space of time.
  - **Jimmy Greaves** 1940- English footballer: Barry Fantoni (ed.) *Private Eye's Colemanballs 2* (1984)
- 10 To goad the BBC is a rewarding sport in itself. It makes a tabloid feel like a heavyweight.
  - **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: *The Dreaming Swimmer* (1992)
- 11 Television is simultaneously blamed, often by the same people, for worsening the world and for being powerless to change it.
  - **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: *Glued to the Box* (1981); introduction
- 12 Television has proved that people will look at anything rather than each other.
  - **Ann Landers** 1918-2002 American advice columnist: attributed
- 13 I find television very educational. Every time someone switches it on I go into another room and read a good book.
  - **Groucho Marx** 1890-1977 American film comedian: attributed, Stefan Kanfer *The Essential Groucho* (2000) 'King Leer'
- 14 Something half way between a girls' school and a lunatic asylum.  
*on the atmosphere at the BBC*
  - **George Orwell** 1903-50 English novelist: wartime diary, 14 March 1942
- 15 The BBC is rather like a cross between the Church of England and the Post Office.
  - **Jeremy Paxman** 1950- British journalist: *Friends in High Places* (1990)
- 16 No matter what the critics say, it's hard to believe that a television programme that keeps four children quiet for an hour can be all bad.
  - **Beryl Pfizer** American writer: attributed
- 17 Television? The word is half Greek, half Latin. No good can come of it.
  - **C. P. Scott** 1846-1932 British journalist: view of the editor of the *Manchester Guardian*; Asa Briggs *The BBC: the First Fifty Years* (1985)
- 18 The media. It sounds like a convention of spiritualists.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Night and Day* (1978)
- 19 Never miss a chance to have sex or appear on television.
  - **Gore Vidal** 1925-2012 American novelist and critic: attributed; Bob Chieger *Was It Good For You Too?* (1983)
- 20 of television:  
It used to be that we in films were the lowest form of art. Now we have something to look down on.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 American screenwriter and director: A. Madsen *Billy Wilder* (1968)



# Tennis

You cannot be serious! **John McEnroe**

- 1 Miss J. Hunter Dunn, Miss J. Hunter Dunn,  
Furnish'd and burnish'd by Aldershot sun,  
What strenuous singles we played after tea,  
We in the tournament—you against me.  
Love-thirty, love-forty, oh! weakness of joy,  
The speed of a swallow, the grace of a boy,  
With carefulest carelessness, gaily you won,  
I am weak from your loveliness, Joan Hunter Dunn.

- **John Betjeman** 1906–84 English poet: 'A Subaltern's Love-Song' (1945)

- 2 I call tennis the McDonald's of sport—you go in, they make a quick buck out of you, and you're out.
  - **Pat Cash** 1965– Australian tennis player: in *Independent on Sunday* 4 July 1999
- 3 New Yorkers love it when you spill your guts out there. Spill your guts at Wimbledon and they make you stop

and clean it up.

- **Jimmy Connors** 1952– American tennis player: at Flushing Meadow; in *Guardian* 24 December 1984 'Sports Quotes of the Year'

- 4 The depressing thing about tennis is that no matter how good I get, I'll never be as good as a wall.
  - **Mitch Hedberg** 1968–2005 American comedian: attributed
- 5 Like a Volvo, Borg is rugged, has good after-sales service, and is very dull.
  - **Clive James** 1939– Australian critic and writer: in *Observer* 29 June 1980
- 6 You cannot be serious!
  - **John McEnroe** 1959– American tennis player: challenging a tennis umpire at Wimbledon, early 1980s
- 7 I threw the kitchen sink at him, but he went to the bathroom and got his tub. *defeated by Roger Federer in the Wimbledon Final, 2004*
  - **Andy Roddick** 1982– American tennis player: interview (BBC1), 4 July 2004

# The Theatre

see also **ACTING, AUDIENCES**

Don't clap too hard—it's a very old building. **John Osborne**

- 1 Welcome to the Theatre,  
To the magic, to the fun!  
Where painted trees and flowers grow,  
And laughter rings fortissimo,  
And treachery's sweetly done.

- **Lee Adams** 1924– American songwriter: 'Welcome to the Theatre' (1970)

- 2 Shaw's plays are the price we pay for Shaw's prefaces.
  - **James Agate** 1877–1947 British drama critic and novelist: diary 10 March 1933

- 3 Why don't actors look out of the window in the morning? Because then they'd have nothing to do in the afternoon.  
*old theatre joke*

- **Anonymous:** Michael Simkins *What's My Motivation?* (2004)

- 4 YOUNG ACTOR: Did Hamlet actually sleep with Ophelia?  
OLD ACTOR: I don't know about the West End, laddie, but we always did on tour.
  - **Anonymous:** traditional theatre saying



- 5 This [*Oh, Calcutta!*] is the kind of show to give pornography a dirty name.
  - **Clive Barnes** 1927–2008 British journalist and critic: in *New York Times* 18 June 1969
- 6 God, send me some good actors. Cheap.
  - **Lilian Baylis** 1874–1937 English theatre manager: Sybil Thorndike *Lilian Baylis* (1938)
- 7 on being asked ‘What was the message of your play’ after a performance of *The Hostage: Message? Message? What the hell do you think I am, a bloody postman?*
  - **Brendan Behan** 1923–64 Irish dramatist: Dominic Behan *My Brother Brendan* (1965)
- 8 I go to the theatre to be entertained, I want to be taken out of myself, I don’t want to see lust and rape and incest and sodomy and so on, I can get all that at home.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor and others: *Beyond the Fringe* (1963) ‘Man of Principles’
- 9 Heralded by a sprinkling of glitter dust and much laying on of microphones, *Godspell* is back in London at The Young Vic. For those who missed it the first time, this is your golden opportunity: you can miss it again.
  - **Michael Billington** 1939– English critic: review in *Guardian* 1981; Diana Rigg *No Turn Unstoned* (1983)
- 10 ANONYMOUS: Why did you go on stage? MICHAEL BLAKEMORE: To get out of the audience.
  - **Michael Blakemore** 1928– Australian actor and director: attributed; in *Times* 29 December 2003
- 11 Anyone can do theatre. Even actors. And theatre can be done everywhere. Even in a theatre.
  - **Augusto Boal** 1931–2009 Brazilian theatre director: in *New York Times* 9 May 2009
- 12 Tonight’s late show is a burlesque cabaret, but, please, don’t let that put you off. These aren’t your ordinary burlesque dancers—slightly podgy middle-class girls with body dysmorphia and father issues. No, these burlesque dancers are very good—why, they could have made it as real strippers if they had wanted to.
  - **Benet Brandreth** 1975– English lawyer: *The Brandreth Papers* (2011)
- 13 on being told there was no part suitable for her first husband in a production of *King Lear*, she refused to take no for an answer and after searching painstakingly through the text triumphantly came up with the stage direction: A camp near Dover.
  - **Coral Browne** 1913–91 Australian actress: Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)
- 14 on hearing the London playwright Henry Arthur Jones reading his play *Michael and his Lost Angel* (1896) in a very strong Cockney accent: But it’s so long, Mr. Jones—even without the h’s.
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: Margot Peters *Mrs Pat* (1984)
- 15 Shut up, Arnold, or I’ll direct this play the way you wrote it!
  - **John Dexter** 1925–90 English director: to the playwright Arnold Wesker; in Ned Sherrin *in his Anecdoteage* (1993)
- 16 after a play about Napoleon had failed: Never, never, will I do another play where a guy writes with a feather.
  - **Max Gordon** 1892–1978 American Broadway producer: attributed by Arthur Miller; in Ned Sherrin’s *Theatrical Anecdotes* (1991)
- 17 The difficulty about a theatre job is that it interferes with party-going.
  - **Barry Humphries** 1934– Australian actor and writer: *More Please* (1992)
- 18 I’ll come no more behind your scenes, David; for the silk stockings and white bosoms of your actresses excite my amorous propensities. *John Wilkes recalls the remark [to Garrick] in the form: ‘the silk stockings and white bosoms of your actresses do make my genitals to quiver’*
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 1750
- 19 Satire is what closes Saturday night.
  - **George S. Kaufman** 1889–1961 American dramatist: Scott Meredith *George S. Kaufman and his Friends* (1974)



- 20 Beware of flu. Avoid crowds. See *Someone in the House*.  
advertisement for his unsuccessful revision of the Broadway play, staged during the influenza epidemic of 1918
- **George S. Kaufman** 1889–1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman: an intimate portrait* (1972)
- 21 Stand upstage of me and do your worst.  
stage direction to any new cast he worked with
- **Edmund Kean** c.1787–1833 English actor: attributed
- 22 A play in which nothing happens, twice.  
reviewing *Waiting for Godot* in *Irish Times*, 1954
- **Vivian Mercier** 1919–89 Irish literary historian: *Beckett/Beckett* (1977)
- 23 Don't clap too hard—it's a very old building.
- **John Osborne** 1929–94 English dramatist: *The Entertainer* (1957)
- 24 Another pain where the ulcers grow,  
Another op'nin' of another show.
- **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: 'Another Op'nin', Another Show' (1948)
- 25 Brush up your Shakespeare,  
Start quoting him now.  
Brush up your Shakespeare  
And the women you will wow.
- **Cole Porter** 1891–1964 American songwriter: 'Brush Up your Shakespeare' (1948)
- 26 It is better to have written a damned play, than no play at all—it snatches a man from obscurity.
- **Frederic Reynolds** 1764–1841 English dramatist: *The Dramatist* (1789)
- 27 You've got to perform in a role  
hundreds of times. In keeping it  
fresh one can become a large, madly  
humming, demented refrigerator.
- **Ralph Richardson** 1902–83 English actor: in *Time* 21 August 1978
- 28 Something appealing,  
Something appalling,  
Something for everyone:  
A comedy tonight!
- **Stephen Sondheim** 1930– American songwriter: 'Comedy Tonight' (1962)
- 29 Do you imagine I am going to  
pronounce the name of my beautiful  
theatre in a hired cab?  
refusing to give directions to His Majesty's  
theatre to a cab-driver
- **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852–1917 English actor-manager: Neville Cardus *Sir Thomas Beecham* (1961)
- 30 *Moby Dick* nearly became the tragedy  
of a man who could not make up his  
nose.  
on Welles's production of *Moby Dick* in  
1955, when his false nose fell off on the first  
night, alluding to the publicity for Olivier's  
*Hamlet* as 'the tragedy of a man who could  
not make up his mind'
- **Kenneth Tynan** 1927–80 English theatre critic: *A View of the English Stage* (1975)
- 31 In the old days, you went from ingénue  
to old bag with a long stretch of  
unemployment in between.
- **Julie Walters** 1950– British actress: in *Sunday Times* 26 May 2002
- 32 on Irving's revival of *Macbeth* at the Lyceum,  
with Ellen Terry as *Lady Macbeth*:  
Judging from the banquet, *Lady Macbeth*  
seems an economical  
housekeeper and evidently patronises  
local industries for her husband's  
clothes and the servants' liveries, but  
she takes care to do all her shopping in  
Byzantium.
- **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: Rupert Hart-Davis (ed.) *The Letters of Oscar Wilde* (1962)
- 33 I think it (nudity on stage) is disgusting  
and shameful and damaging to all  
things American. But if I were 22 with a  
great body, it would be artistic, tasteful,  
patriotic and a progressive, religious  
experience.
- **Shelley Winters** 1922–2006 American actress: in *Jet* 10 July 1969
- 34 Musical comedy is the Irish stew of  
drama. Anything may be put into it,  
with the certainty that it will improve  
the general effect.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English-born writer: *The Man with Two Left Feet* (1917)



# Time

Life is too short to stuff a mushroom.

**Shirley Conran**

- 1 This must be Thursday. I never could get the hang of Thursdays.
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952-2001 English science fiction writer: *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (BBC radio, 1978)
- 2 Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so.
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952-2001 English science fiction writer: *The Hitch Hiker's Guide to the Galaxy* (1979)
- 3 I do love deadlines. I love the whooshing sound they make as they go past.
  - **Douglas Adams** 1952-2001 English science fiction writer: in *Guardian* 14 May 2001
- 4 And meanwhile time goes about its immemorial work of making everyone look and feel like shit.
  - **Martin Amis** 1949- English novelist: *London Fields* (1989)
- 5 The trouble with being punctual is that there is no-one there to appreciate it.
  - **Anonymous**: mid 20th-century saying, now associated with American businessman Franklin P. Jones (1887-1929)
- 6 *on receiving an invitation for 9 a.m.:*  
Oh, are there two nine o'clocks in the day?
  - **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 7 *to an effusive greeting 'I haven't seen you for 41 years':*  
I thought I told you to wait in the car.
  - **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903-68 American actress: attributed; Nigel Rees Cassell *Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 8 VLADIMIR: That passed the time.  
ESTRAGON: It would have passed in any case.  
VLADIMIR: Yes, but not so rapidly.
  - **Samuel Beckett** 1906-89 Irish dramatist, novelist, and poet: *Waiting for Godot* (1955)
- 9 I am a sundial, and I make a botch Of what is done much better by a watch.
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870-1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'On a Sundial' (1938)
- 10 *arriving at Dublin Castle for the handover by British forces on 16 January 1922, and being told that he was seven minutes late:*  
We've been waiting 700 years, you can have the seven minutes.
  - **Michael Collins** 1880-1922 Irish revolutionary: Tim Pat Coogan *Michael Collins* (1990); attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 11 Life is too short to stuff a mushroom.
  - **Shirley Conran** 1932- English writer: *Superwoman* (1975)
- 12 I'll be with you in the squeezing of a lemon.
  - **Oliver Goldsmith** 1730-74 Irish writer: *She Stoops to Conquer* (1773)
- 13 We have passed a lot of water since then.
  - **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: E. Goodman *The Fifty-Year Decline of Hollywood* (1961); attributed, possibly apocryphal
- 14 Morning comes whether you set the alarm or not.
  - **Ursula K. Le Guin** 1929- American writer: *Dancing at the Edge of the World* (1985)
- 15 Time spent on any item of the agenda will be in inverse proportion to the sum involved.
  - **C. Northcote Parkinson** 1909-93 English writer: *Parkinson's Law* (1958)
- 16 Wherever I travel I'm too late. The orgy has moved elsewhere.
  - **Mordecai Richler** 1931-2001 Canadian writer: *Shovelling Trouble* (1972) 'A Sense of the Ridiculous'
- 17 Three o'clock is always too late or too early for anything you want to do.
  - **Jean-Paul Sartre** 1905-80 French philosopher: *La Nausée* (1938)



18 Eternity's a terrible thought. I mean, where's it all going to end?

- **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* (1967)

19 to a man in the street, carrying a grandfather clock:

My poor fellow, why not carry a watch?

- **Herbert Beerbohm Tree** 1852–1917 English actor-manager: *Hesketh Pearson Beerbohm Tree* (1956)

**Tolerance** *see* **PREJUDICE AND TOLERANCE**

## Towns and Cities

Toronto is a kind of New York operated by the Swiss. **Peter Ustinov**

1 God made the harbour, and that's all right, but Satan made Sydney.

- **Anonymous**: unnamed Sydney citizen; Mark Twain *More Tramps Abroad* (1897)

2 New York is big but this is Biggar.

- **Anonymous**: slogan for the town of Biggar in Saskatchewan

3 I passed through Glasgow on my way here and couldn't help noticing how different it was from Venice.

- **Raymond Asquith** 1878–1916 English lawyer: letter to Mrs Horner, 28 September 1904

4 One has no great hopes from Birmingham. I always say there is something direful in the sound.

- **Jane Austen** 1775–1817 English novelist: *Emma* (1816)

5 Come, friendly bombs, and fall on Slough!

It isn't fit for humans now.

- **John Betjeman** 1906–84 English poet: 'Slough' (1937)

6 For Cambridge people rarely smile, Being urban, squat, and packed with guile.

- **Rupert Brooke** 1887–1915 English poet: 'The Old Vicarage, Grantchester' (1915)

7 Venice is like eating an entire box of chocolate liqueurs in one go.

- **Truman Capote** 1924–84 American writer: in *Observer* 26 November 1961

8 A big hard-boiled city with no more personality than a paper cup.

of *Los Angeles*

- **Raymond Chandler** 1888–1959 American writer: *The Little Sister* (1949)

9 People don't talk in Paris; they just look lovely...and eat.

- **Chips Channon** 1897–1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary 22 May 1951

10 New York, New York,—a helluva town, The Bronx is up but the Battery's down, And people ride in a hole in the ground.

- **Betty Comden** 1917–2006 and **Adolph Green** 1915–2002: 'New York, New York' (1945 song)

11 In Manhattan, every flat surface is a potential stage and every inattentive waiter an unemployed, possibly unemployable, actor.

- **Quentin Crisp** 1908–99 English writer: 'Love Lies Bleeding' (Channel 4 TV), 6 August 1991; Nigel Rees (ed.) *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)

12 This is Soho, where anything goes, just make sure it's not your wallet.

- **Len Deighton** 1929– English writer: 'Soho', in Len Deighton and Adrian Bailey *Len Deighton's London Dossier* (1967)

13 Last week, I went to Philadelphia, but it was closed.

- **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: Richard J. Anobile *Godfrey Daniels* (1975); attributed



- 14 They used to say that Cambridge was the first stopping place for the wind that swept down from the Urals: in the thirties that was as true of the politics as the weather.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: *The Liar* (1991)
- 15 The people of Berlin are doing very exciting things with their city at the moment. Basically they had this idea of just knocking it through.
  - **Stephen Fry** 1957– and **Hugh Laurie** 1959– : *A Bit More Fry and Laurie* (1991)
- 16 Liverpool, though not very delightful as a place of residence, is a most convenient and admirable point to get away from.
  - **Nathaniel Hawthorne** 1804–64 American novelist: *Our Old Home* (1863)
- 17 Taunton is no longer a one-horse town; these days, they have a bicycle as well.
  - **Tom Holt** 1961– English novelist: *Expecting Someone Taller* (1987)
- 18 When a man is tired of London, he is tired of life; for there is in London all that life can afford.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 20 September 1777
- 19 New York, New York, so good they named it twice.
  - **Gerard Kenny** 1947– American singer-songwriter: 'New York, New York' (1978 song)
- 20 According to legend, Telford is so dull that the bypass was built before the town.
 

*on the Midlands new-town*

  - **Victor Lewis-Smith** British television producer: in *Evening Standard* 9 December 1994
- 21 A car is useless in New York, essential everywhere else. The same with good manners.
  - **Mignon McLaughlin** 1913–83 American writer: *Complete Neurotic's Notebook* (1981)
- 22 *sitting in a New York bar in the 1940s:*  
Oh, to be back in Hollywood, wishing I was back in New York.
  - **Herman J. Mankiewicz** 1897–1953 American screenwriter: James Sanders *Celluloid Skyline: New York and the Movies* (2001)
- 23 When it's three o'clock in New York, it's still 1938 in London.
  - **Bette Midler** 1945– American actress: attributed
- 24 Saigon is like all the other great modern cities of the world. It's the mess left over from people getting rich.
  - **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Give War a Chance* (1992)
- 25 There was a certain something about the air in the city. You got the feeling that it was air that had seen life. You couldn't help noting with every breath that thousands of other people were very close to you and nearly all of them had armpits.
  - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Mort* (1987)
- 26 City of perspiring dreams.  
*of Cambridge*
  - **Frederic Raphael** 1931– British novelist: *The Glittering Prizes* (1976)
- 27 New York's like a disco, but without the music.
  - **Elaine Stritch** 1925–2014 American actress: in *Observer* 17 February 1980
- 28 He took offence at my description of Edinburgh as the Reykjavik of the South.
  - **Tom Stoppard** 1937– British dramatist: *Jumpers* (1972)
- 29 The difference between Los Angeles and a yogurt is that yogurt has real culture.
  - **Tom Taussik**: attributed
- 30 Toronto is a kind of New York operated by the Swiss.
  - **Peter Ustinov** 1921–2004 British actor: in *Globe & Mail* 1 August 1987; attributed
- 31 Brighton looks like a town that is constantly helping the police with their enquiries.
  - **Keith Waterhouse** 1929–2009 English writer: quoted by the author in conversation with Ned Sherrin



# Transport

Walk! Not bloody likely. I am going in a taxi. **George Bernard Shaw**

- 1 Railways and the Church have their critics, but both are the best ways of getting a man to his ultimate destination.
  - **Revd W. Awdry** 1911–97 English writer of children's books: in *Daily Telegraph* 22 March 1997; obituary
- 2 He [Benchley] came out of a night club one evening and, tapping a uniformed figure on the shoulder, said, 'Get me a cab.' The uniformed figure turned around furiously and informed him that he was not a doorman but a rear admiral. 'O.K.,' said Benchley, 'Get me a battleship.'
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: in *New Yorker* 5 January 1946
- 3 I encountered Mr. Hackman, an Englishman, who has been walking the length and breadth of Europe for several years. I enquired of him what were his chief observations. He replied gruffly, 'I never look up', and went on his way.
  - **N. Brooke**: in 1796; Duncan Minshull *The Vintage Book of Walking* (2000)
- 4 Q: If Mrs Thatcher were run over by a bus...?
 

LORD CARRINGTON: It wouldn't dare.

  - **Lord Carrington** 1919– British Conservative politician: during the Falklands War; Russell Lewis *Margaret Thatcher* (1984)
- 5 The only way of catching a train I ever discovered is to miss the train before.
  - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874–1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: attributed; Evan Esar and Nicolas Bentley (eds.) *Treasury of Humorous Quotations* (1951)
- 6 I prefer to travel on French ships because there is none of that 'women and children first' nonsense.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: attributed; the saying is attributed to various authors and first occurs anonymously
- 7 That monarch of the road,  
Observer of the Highway Code,  
That big six-wheeler  
Scarlet-painted  
London Transport  
Diesel-engined  
Ninety-seven horse power  
Omnibus!
  - **Michael Flanders** 1922–75 and **Donald Swann** 1923–94: 'A Transport of Delight' (c.1956)
- 8 Sir, Saturday morning, although recurring at regular and well-foreseen intervals, always seems to take this railway by surprise.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer of comic and satirical verse: letter to the station-master at Baker Street, on the Metropolitan line; John Julius Norwich *Christmas Crackers* (1980)
- 9 What is this that roareth thus?  
Can it be a Motor Bus?  
Yes, the smell and hideous hum  
Indicat Motorem Bum!...  
How shall wretches live like us  
Cincti Bis Motoribus?  
Domine, defende nos  
Contra hos Motores Bos!
  - **A. D. Godley** 1856–1925 English classicist: letter to C. R. L. Fletcher, 10 January 1914
- 10 Aunt Jane observed, the second time  
She tumbled off a bus,  
'The step is short from the Sublime  
To the Ridiculous.'  
  - **Harry Graham** 1874–1936 British writer and journalist: 'Equanimity' (1899)
- 11 of Bishop Patrick's fatal error in crossing the street:  
The light of God was with him,  
But the traffic light was not.
  - **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American songwriter: 'Lead Kindly Light' (1965)
- 12 There once was a man who said,  
'Damn!'



- It is borne in upon me I am  
An engine that moves  
In predestinate grooves,  
I'm not even a bus, I'm a tram.'
- **Maurice Evan Hare** 1886-1967 English limerick writer: 'Limerick' (1905)
- 13 Home James, and don't spare the horses.
    - **Fred Hillebrand** 1893- American songwriter: title of song (1934)
  - 14 The automobile changed our dress, manners, social customs, vacation habits, the shape of our cities, consumer purchasing patterns, common tastes and positions in intercourse.
    - **John Keats** 1920- American journalist: *The Insolent Chariots* (1958)
  - 15 *seeing the Morris Minor prototype in 1945:*  
It looks like a poached egg—we can't make that.
    - **Lord Nuffield** 1877-1963 British motor manufacturer and philanthropist: attributed
  - 16 Why is it no one ever sent me yet  
One perfect limousine, do you suppose?  
Ah no, it's always just my luck to get  
One perfect rose.
    - **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: 'One Perfect Rose' (1937)
  - 17 What is better than presence of mind in a railway accident? Absence of body.
    - **Punch** 1841-1992 English humorous weekly periodical: vol. 16 (1849)
  - 18 I don't even like *old* cars. I mean they don't even interest me. I'd rather have a goddam horse. A horse is at least *human*, for God's sake.
    - **J. D. Salinger** 1919-2010 American novelist and short-story writer: *The Catcher in the Rye* (1951)
  - 19 Walk! Not bloody likely. I am going in a taxi.
    - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Pygmalion* (1916), spoken by Eliza Doolittle
  - 20 BOATMAN: I 'ad that Christopher Marlowe in the back of my boat.
    - **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Shakespeare in Love* (1999 film, screenplay by Tom Stoppard and Mark Norman)
  - 21 Commuter—one who spends his life  
In riding to and from his wife;  
A man who shaves and takes a train,  
And then rides back to shave again.
    - **E. B. White** 1899-1985 American humorist: 'The Commuter' (1982)

## Travel and Exploration

Worth *seeing*, yes; but not worth going to *see*. **Samuel Johnson**

- 1 A trip is what you take when you can't take any more of what you've been taking.
  - **Adeline Ainsworth**: attributed
- 2 In America there are two classes of travel—first class, and with children.
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889-1945 American humorist: *Pluck and Luck* (1925)
- 3 It is easier to find a travelling companion than to get rid of one.
  - **Peg Bracken** 1918-2007 American writer: *But I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World* (1973)
- 4 The longer the cruise, the older the passengers.
  - **Peg Bracken** 1918-2007 American writer: *But I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World* (1973)
- 5 (Newton's Law of the Ever-level Suitcase) At the same time an object is lost, used up, given away, thrown out, or otherwise disposed of, another object of equal size and weight rushes in to fill the vacuum.
  - **Peg Bracken** 1918-2007 American writer: *But I Wouldn't Have Missed It for the World* (1973)
- 6 The perpetual lamentations after beef and beer, the stupid bigoted contempt for every thing foreign, and insurmountable incapacity of acquiring



- even a few words of any language, rendered him like all other English servants, an encumbrance.
- **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: letter, 14 January 1811
- 7 I like my 'abroad' to be Catholic and sensual.
    - **Chips Channon** 1897–1958 American-born British Conservative politician: diary 18 January 1924
  - 8 Polar exploration is at once the cleanest and most isolated way of having a bad time which has been devised.
    - **Apsley Cherry-Garrard** 1882–1959 English polar explorer: *The Worst Journey in the World* (1922)
  - 9 They say travel broadens the mind; but you must have the mind.
    - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874–1936 English writer: 'The Shadow of the Shark' (1921)
  - 10 Why do the wrong people travel, travel, travel,  
When the right people stay back home?
    - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: 'Why do the Wrong People Travel?' (1961)
  - 11 *on his arrival in Turkey:*  
I am of course known here as English Delight.
    - **Noël Coward** 1899–1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
  - 12 Like all great travellers, I have seen more than I remember, and remember more than I have seen.
    - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804–81 British Tory statesman and novelist: attributed
  - 13 At my age travel broadens the behind.
    - **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: *The Liar* (1991)
  - 14 Abroad is bloody.
    - **George VI** 1895–1952 British king: W. H. Auden *A Certain World* (1970)
  - 15 *on the Giant's Causeway:*  
Worth seeing, yes; but not worth going to see.
    - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 12 October 1779
  - 16 If you look like your passport photo, you're too ill to travel.
    - **Willkommen:** attributed; Laurence J. Peter *Peter's People* (1979)
  - 17 What good is speed if the brain has oozed out on the way?
    - **Karl Kraus** 1874–1936 Austrian satirist: 'The Discovery of the North Pole'
  - 18 Thanks to the interstate highway system, it is now possible to travel from coast to coast without seeing anything.
    - **Charles Kuralt** 1934–97 American journalist and broadcaster: *On the Road* (1980)
  - 19 I wouldn't mind seeing China if I could come back the same day.
    - **Philip Larkin** 1922–85 English poet: *Required Writing* (1983), interview with *Observer*, 1979
  - 20 At first, you fear you will die; then, after it has a good hold on you, you fear you won't die.  
*on seasickness*
    - **Jack London** 1876–1916 American novelist: *The Cruise of the Snark* (1911)
  - 21 The highest compliment that can be paid to a foreigner is to be stopped in the street and asked the way by a native.
    - **E. V. Lucas** 1868–1938 English journalist, essayist, and critic: *Giving and Receiving* (1922)
  - 22 A sure cure for seasickness is to sit under a tree.
    - **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: attributed; in *Daily Telegraph* 28 February 2002
  - 23 She said that all the sights in Rome were called after London cinemas.
    - **Nancy Mitford** 1904–73 English writer: *Pigeon Pie* (1940)
  - 24 As every student of exploration knows, the prize goes not to the explorer who first sets foot upon the virgin soil but to the one who gets that foot home first. If it is still attached to his leg, this is a bonus.
    - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Jingo* (1997)
  - 25 Granny Weatherwax didn't like maps. She felt instinctively that they sold the landscape short.
    - **Terry Pratchett** 1948–2015 English fantasy writer: *Witches Abroad* (1991)



- 26 All my wife has ever taken from the Mediterranean—from that whole vast intuitive culture—are four bottles of Chianti to make into lamps.  
▪ **Peter Shaffer** 1926– English dramatist: *Equus* (1973)
- 27 If it's Tuesday, this must be Belgium.  
▪ **David Shaw**: film title (1969)
- 28 *asked why he had come to America:*  
In pursuit of my life-long quest for naked women in wet mackintoshes.  
▪ **Dylan Thomas** 1914–53 Welsh poet: Constantine Fitzgibbon *Dylan Thomas* (1965); attributed
- 29 J. M. BARRIE: What was your most dangerous journey?  
THOMSON: Crossing Piccadilly Circus.  
▪ **Joseph Thomson** 1858–94 Scottish explorer: Janet Dunbar J. M. Barrie: *The Man Behind the Image* (1970)
- 30 It is not worthwhile to go around the world to count the cats in Zanzibar.  
▪ **Henry David Thoreau** 1817–62 American writer: *Walden* (1854) 'Conclusion'
- 31 It used to be a good hotel, but that proves nothing—I used to be a good boy.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *The Innocents Abroad* (1869)

## Trust and Treachery

*Defectors are like grapes. The first pressings from them are the best.*

**Maurice Oldfield**

- 1 Outside Shakespeare the word treason to me means nothing. Only, you pissed in our soup and we drank it.  
*Coral Browne to the traitor Guy Burgess*  
▪ **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *An Englishman Abroad* (1989)
- 2 The only recorded instance in history of a rat swimming towards a sinking ship.  
*of a former Conservative who proposed to stand as a Liberal*  
▪ **Winston Churchill** 1874–1965 British Conservative statesman: Leon Harris *The Fine Art of Political Wit* (1965)
- 3 When I was at Cambridge it was...my ambition to be approached in some way by an elderly homosexual don and asked to spy for or against my country.  
▪ **Stephen Fry** 1957– English comedian, actor, and writer: *Paperweight* (1992)
- 4 *Pension*. Pay given to a state hireling for treason to his country.  
▪ **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *A Dictionary of the English Language* (1755)
- 5 Never trust a man who combs his hair straight from his left armpit.  
*of the careful distribution of hair on General MacArthur's balding head*  
▪ **Alice Roosevelt Longworth** 1884–1980 American socialite: Michael Teague *Mrs L* (1981)
- 6 Defectors are like grapes. The first pressings from them are the best. The third and fourth lack body.  
▪ **Maurice Oldfield** 1915–81 English intelligence officer: Chapman Pincher in *Mail on Sunday* 19 September 1982; attributed
- 7 Never take a reference from a clergyman. They always want to give someone a second chance.  
▪ **Lady Selborne** 1858–1950 English suffragist: K. Rose *The Later Cecils* (1975)
- 8 [Treason], Sire, is a question of dates.  
▪ **Charles-Maurice de Talleyrand** 1754–1838 French statesman: Duff Cooper *Talleyrand* (1932)



# Truth

see also **LIES**

The truth is rarely pure, and never simple. **Oscar Wilde**

- 1 Too much truth  
Is uncouth.  
▪ **Franklin P. Adams** 1881-1960 American journalist and humorist: *Nods and Becks* (1944)
- 2 'Tis strange—but true; for truth is  
always strange;  
Stranger than fiction.  
▪ **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)
- 3 Our old friend...economical with the  
*actualité*.  
▪ **Alan Clark** 1928-99 British Conservative politician: under cross-examination at the Old Bailey during the Matrix Churchill case; in *Independent* 10 November 1992
- 4 Something unpleasant is coming when  
men are anxious to tell the truth.  
▪ **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: *The Young Duke* (1831)
- 5 It is always the best policy to speak the  
truth—unless, of course, you are an  
exceptionally good liar.  
▪ **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: in *The Idler* February 1892
- 6 Never tell a story because it is true: tell  
it because it is a good story.  
▪ **John Pentland Mahaffy** 1839-1919 Irish writer: W. B. Stanford and R. B. McDowell *Mahaffy* (1971)
- 7 I never give them [the public] hell.  
I just tell the truth, and they think it  
is hell.  
▪ **Harry S. Truman** 1884-1972 American Democratic statesman: in *Look* 3 April 1956
- 8 Get your facts first, and then you can  
distort 'em as much as you please.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835-1910 American writer: Rudyard Kipling *From Sea to Sea* (1899)
- 9 The truth is rarely pure, and never  
simple.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)

# Unintended Humour

I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully. **George W. Bush**

- 1 comment made to Cecil Beaton by a lady-  
in-waiting to the exiled Queen Geraldine of  
Albania:  
Of course, we'll go back there one day.  
Meanwhile, we have to make a new life  
for ourselves at the Ritz.  
▪ **Anonymous**: Cecil Beaton diary 1940
- 2 I make no apology for returning to  
the subject of premature ejaculation,  
because my postbag is full of it.  
*beginning of an agony column in the  
Hampstead and Highgate Express, as*  
*recounted by Michael Grade to Marjorie  
Proops*  
▪ **Anonymous**: in *Independent* 10 February 1993
- 3 I am the Jesus Christ of politics...I  
sacrifice myself for everyone.  
▪ **Silvio Berlusconi** 1936- Italian statesman:  
speech, 12 February 2006
- 4 When I have my photo taken, I don't  
say 'cheese'. I say 'sex'.  
▪ **Carla Bruni** 1967- Italian-French singer  
and model: in *Observer* 30 March 2008



5 *talking about Ronald Reagan:*

I'm proud to be his partner. We've had triumphs, we've made mistakes, we've had sex.

*quickly corrected to 'setbacks, we've had setbacks'*

- **George Bush** 1924- American Republican statesman: speech, College of Southern Idaho, 6 May 1988

## 6 I know the human being and fish can coexist peacefully.

- **George W. Bush** 1946- American Republican statesman: speech, 29 September 2000

## 7 Our enemies are innovative and resourceful, and so are we. They never stop thinking about new ways to harm our country and our people, and neither do we.

- **George W. Bush** 1946- American Republican statesman: speech, 5 August 2004

## 8 That's the fastest time ever run—but it's not as fast as the world record.

- **David Coleman** 1926-2013 British sports commentator: Barry Fantoni (ed.) *Private Eye's Colemanballs* 3 (1986)

## 9 There is a wealth of poverty in Northern Ireland which must be overcome.

- **Lord Enniskillen** 1918-89: speech in the House of Lords, 3 December 1968

## 10 There's been a colour clash: both teams are wearing white.

- **John Motson** 1945- English football commentator: in 'Colemanballs' column in *Private Eye*; Ned Sherrin *Cutting Edge* (1984)

## 11 Haven't you run before? This isn't your first time?

*to double Olympic gold medallist Mo Farah as winner of the New Orleans half-marathon*

- **LaTonya Norton** American television presenter: interview, WDSU TV, 24 February 2013

## 12 All my concerts had no sounds in them: they were completely silent...People

had to make their own music in their minds.

- **Yoko Ono** 1933- Japanese poet and songwriter: interview in *Rolling Stone* 1968

## 13 Having committed political suicide, the Conservative Party is now living to regret it.

- **Chris Patten** 1944- British Conservative politician: attributed, 2003; the remark was subsequently considered for a Plain English Foot in Mouth Award

## 14 I think that gay marriage is something that should be between a man and a woman.

- **Arnold Schwarzenegger** 1947- Austrian-born American actor and Republican politician: in *CCN.com* (online edition) 28 August 2003

## 15 I can't see who's in the lead but it's either Oxford or Cambridge.

- **John Snagge** 1904-96 English sports commentator: C. Dodd *Oxford and Cambridge Boat Race* (1983)

## 16 I don't have time to sit down and write. When I think of a melody, I call my answering machine and sing it.

- **Britney Spears** 1981- American pop singer: in *Observer* 9 January 2005

## 17 We have become a grandmother.

- **Margaret Thatcher** 1925-2013 British Conservative stateswoman: in *Times* 4 March 1989

## 18 Comrade Zhdanov is no professional musician. But oh, how well he knows folk song! When he recently visited our Piatnitzky Choir, we asked him: 'Is it true, Comrade Zhdanov, that you know 600 folk songs?' 'No,' he said, 'not 600, but I suppose I do know about 300.' How much better our composers would write if they knew folk songs as Andrei Alexandrovich does!

*on the musical expertise of A. A. Zhdanov, Stalin's 'cultural commissar'*

- **Vladimir Zakharov** 1901-56 Russian composer: Alexander Werth *Musical Uproar in Moscow* (1949)



# The Universe

Space is almost infinite. As a matter of fact, we think it is infinite. **Dan Quayle**

- 1 Had I been present at the Creation,  
I would have given some useful hints  
for the better ordering of the universe.  
▪ **Alfonso, King of Castile** 1221-84: on  
studying the Ptolemaic system (attributed)
- 2 'I quite realized,' said Columbus,  
'That the Earth was not a rhombus,  
But I *am* a little annoyed  
To find it an oblate spheroid.'  
▪ **Edmund Clerihew Bentley** 1875-1956  
English writer: 'Columbus' (1929)
- 3 After one look at this planet any visitor  
from outer space would say 'I WANT TO  
SEE THE MANAGER'.  
▪ **William S. Burroughs** 1914-97 American  
novelist: *The Adding Machine* (1985)
- 4 Listen: there's a hell  
Of a good universe next door; let's go.  
▪ **e. e. cummings** 1894-1962 American poet:  
*l x l* (1944)
- 5 Now, my own suspicion is that the  
universe is not only queerer than we  
suppose, but queerer than we *can*  
suppose.  
▪ **J. B. S. Haldane** 1892-1964 Scottish  
mathematical biologist: *Possible Worlds*  
(1927)
- 6 Space isn't remote at all. It's only an  
hour's drive away if your car could go  
straight upwards.  
▪ **Fred Hoyle** 1915-2001 English astrophysicist:  
in *Observer* 9 September 1979 'Sayings of  
the Week'
- 7 I am sorry to say that there is too  
much point to the wisecrack that life is  
extinct on other planets because their  
scientists were more advanced than  
ours.  
▪ **John F. Kennedy** 1917-63 American  
Democratic statesman: speech,  
11 December 1959
- 8 I don't think there's intelligent life on  
other planets. Why should other planets  
be any different from this one?  
▪ **Bob Monkhouse** 1928-2003 English  
entertainer: attributed; in *BBC News*  
29 December 2003 (online edition)
- 9 Space is almost infinite. As a matter of  
fact, we think it is infinite.  
▪ **Dan Quayle** 1947- American Republican  
politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 8 March 1989
- 10 Sometimes I think the surest sign that  
intelligent life exists elsewhere in the  
universe is that none of it has tried to  
contact us.  
▪ **Bill Watterson** 1958- American cartoonist:  
*Calvin and Hobbes* (comic strip) 8 November  
1989



# Virtue and Vice

see also **MORALITY**

I think I could be a good woman if I had five thousand a year.

**William Makepeace Thackeray**

- 1 Most plain girls are virtuous because of the scarcity of opportunity to be otherwise.
  - **Maya Angelou** 1928–2014 American writer: *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings* (1969)
- 2 I'm as pure as the driven slush.
  - **Tallulah Bankhead** 1903–68 American actress: in *Saturday Evening Post* 12 April 1947
- 3 definition of a saint:  
A dead sinner revised and edited.
  - **Ambrose Bierce** 1842–c.1914 American writer: *The Devil's Dictionary* (1911)
- 4 The rain, it raineth on the just  
And also on the unjust fella:  
But chiefly on the just, because  
The unjust steals the just's umbrella.
  - **Lord Bowen** 1835–94 English judge: *Walter Sichel Sands of Time* (1923)
- 5 Lead me not into temptation; I can find the way myself.
  - **Rita Mae Brown** 1944– American novelist and poet: attributed
- 6 A little still she strove, and much repented,  
And whispering 'I will ne'er consent'—consented.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819–24)
- 7 I fear I have nothing original in me—  
Excepting Original Sin.
  - **Thomas Campbell** 1777–1844 Scottish poet: 'To a Young Lady, Who Asked Me to Write Something Original for Her Album' (1843)
- 8 What terrible sins I have working for me. I suppose it's the wages.
  - **Peter Cook** 1937–95 English satirist and actor: *Bedazzled* (1967 film), spoken by Cook as the Devil
- 9 Lydia was tired of being good...It made her feel a little dowdy, as though she had taken up residence in the suburbs of morality.
  - **Alice Thomas Ellis** 1932–2005 English novelist: *Unexplained Laughter* (1985)
- 10 The louder he talked of his honour, the faster we counted our spoons.
  - **Ralph Waldo Emerson** 1803–82 American philosopher and poet: *The Conduct of Life* (1860)
- 11 If you resolve to give up smoking, drinking and loving, you don't actually live longer, it just seems longer.
  - **Clement Freud** 1924–2009 English politician, broadcaster, and writer: in *Observer* 27 December 1964
- 12 But if he does really think that there is no distinction between virtue and vice, why, Sir, when he leaves our houses, let us count our spoons.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 14 July 1763
- 13 He that but looketh on a plate of ham and eggs to lust after it, hath already committed breakfast with it in his heart.
  - **C. S. Lewis** 1898–1963 English literary scholar: letter, 10 March 1954
- 14 honesty is a good thing but  
it is not profitable to  
its possessor  
unless it is  
kept under control.
  - **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet and journalist: *archys life of mehitabel* (1933) 'archygrams'
- 15 Decency is Indecency's conspiracy of silence.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903) 'Maxims: Decency'



- 16 Self-denial is not a virtue: it is only the effect of prudence on rascality.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856–1950 Irish dramatist: *Man and Superman* (1903)
- 17 I think I could be a good woman if I had five thousand a year.
  - **William Makepeace Thackeray** 1811–63 English novelist: *Vanity Fair* (1847–8), spoken by Becky Sharpe
- 18 When I'm good, I'm very, very good, but when I'm bad, I'm better.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: in *I'm No Angel* (1933 film)
- 19 I used to be Snow White...but I drifted.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: Joseph Weintraub *Peel Me a Grape* (1975)
- 20 Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: in *Klondike Annie* (1936 film)
- 21 To err is human—but it feels divine.
  - **Mae West** 1892–1980 American film actress: attributed; Fred Metcalf (ed.) *Penguin Dictionary of Modern Humorous Quotations* (1987)
- 22 Charity, dear Miss Prism, charity! None of us are perfect. I myself am peculiarly susceptible to draughts.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *The Importance of Being Earnest* (1895)
- 23 I can resist everything except temptation.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892)
- 24 A little sincerity is a dangerous thing, and a great deal of it is absolutely fatal.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: 'The Critic as Artist' (1891)

## Wales

The land of my fathers. My fathers can have it. **Dylan Thomas**

- 1 It profits a man nothing to give his soul for the whole world...But for Wales—!
  - **Robert Bolt** 1924–95 English dramatist: *A Man for All Seasons* (1960)
- 2 I am Anglo Welsh. My grandparents were Anglo Welsh. My parents were Anglo Welsh; indeed my parents burned down their own cottage.
  - **Gyles Brandreth** 1948– English writer and broadcaster: *The One to One Show* Edinburgh Festival Fringe, 2010
- 3 The land of my fathers. My fathers can have it.
  - **Dylan Thomas** 1914–53 Welsh poet: *Adam* December 1953
- 4 There are still parts of Wales where the only concession to gaiety is a striped shroud.
  - **Gwyn Thomas** 1913–81 Welsh novelist and dramatist: in *Punch* 18 June 1958
- 5 'I often think,' he continued, 'that we can trace almost all the disasters of English history to the influence of Wales!'
  - **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: *Decline and Fall* (1928)



# War

see also **ARMED FORCES**

The quickest way of ending a war is to lose it. **George Orwell**

- 1 of the retreat from Dunkirk, May 1940:  
The noise, my dear! And the people!  
▪ **Anonymous:** Anthony Rhodes *Sword of Bone* (1942)
- 2 War does not determine who is right—only who is left.  
▪ **Anonymous:** early twentieth century saying, often later attributed to Bertrand Russell
- 3 War is God's way of teaching Americans geography.  
▪ **Anonymous:** widely attributed to Ambrose Bierce, but not found before the early 1990s
- 4 War is never a picnic. Although obviously soldiers do end up eating outdoors a lot.  
▪ **Jesse Armstrong and Sam Bain** 1971–British screenwriters: *Peep Show* (Channel 4 TV, 2008), spoken by David Mitchell as Mark
- 5 After each war there is a little less democracy to save.  
▪ **Brooks Atkinson** 1894–1984 American journalist and critic: *Once Around the Sun* (1951) 7 January
- 6 Well, if you knows of a better 'ole, go to it.  
▪ **Bruce Bairnsfather** 1888–1959 British cartoonist: *Fragments from France* (1915) cartoon caption
- 7 We need a futile gesture at this stage. It will raise the whole tone of the war.  
▪ **Peter Cook** 1937–95 English comedian and actor: *Beyond the Fringe* (1961)
- 8 They found more dangerous chemicals in Coca-Cola's Dasani mineral water than they did in the whole of Iraq.  
▪ **Robin Cook** 1946–2005 British Labour politician: in *Observer* 29 August 2004
- 9 Men love war because it allows them to look serious. Because they imagine it is the one thing that stops women laughing at them.  
▪ **John Fowles** 1926–2005 English novelist: *The Magus* (1966)
- 10 There never was a good war, or a bad peace.  
▪ **Benjamin Franklin** 1706–90 American politician, inventor, and scientist: letter to Josiah Quincy, 11 September 1783
- 11 The Gulf War was like teenage sex. We got in too soon and out too soon.  
▪ **Tom Harkin** 1939– American Democratic politician: in *Independent on Sunday* 29 September 1991
- 12 I'd like to see the government get out of war altogether and leave the whole field to private industry.  
▪ **Joseph Heller** 1923–99 American novelist: *Catch-22* (1961)
- 13 to George VI, summer 1940:  
All the same, sir, I would put some of the colonies in your wife's name.  
▪ **Joseph Herman Hertz** 1872–1946 Slovakian-born British chief rabbi: Chips Channon diary, 3 June 1943
- 14 of war in Iraq:  
Vietnam without the mosquitoes.  
▪ **Carl Hiaasen** 1953– American writer: attributed; in *Guardian* 23 October 2004
- 15 TRENTINO (LOUIS CALHERN): I am willing to do anything to prevent this war. FIREFLY (GROUCHO MARX): It's too late. I've already paid a month's rent on the battlefield.  
▪ **Bert Kalmar** 1884–1947 and others screenwriters: *Duck Soup* (1933 film)
- 16 I think from now on they're shooting without a script.  
comment on the German invasion of Russia  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889–1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 17 All castles had one major weakness.



The enemy used to get in through the gift shop.

- **Peter Kay** 1973– British comedian: attributed; in *Nuts* May 2005

18 A nation is only at peace when it's at war.

- **Hugh Kingsmill** 1889–1949 English man of letters: Richard Ingrams *God's Apology* (1977)

19 If we'd had as many soldiers as that, we'd have won the war!

*on seeing the number of Confederate troops in Gone with the Wind at the 1939 premiere*

- **Margaret Mitchell** 1900–49 American novelist: W. G. Harris *Gable and Lombard* (1976)

20 Like many men of my generation, I had an opportunity to give war a chance, and I promptly chickened out.

- **P. J. O'Rourke** 1947– American humorous writer: *Give War a Chance* (1992)

21 The quickest way of ending a war is to lose it.

- **George Orwell** 1903–50 English novelist: in *Polemic* May 1946 'Second Thoughts on James Burnham'

22 Little girl...Sometime they'll give a war and nobody will come.

- **Carl Sandburg** 1878–1967 American poet: *The People, Yes* (1936); 'Suppose They Gave a War and Nobody Came?' was the title of a 1970 film

23 Retreat, hell! We're only attacking in another direction.

- **Oliver P. Smith** 1893–1977 American general: vicinity of Chosin Reservoir, Korea, 4 December, 1950

24 Evelyn Waugh, returning from Crete in 1941, was asked his impression of his first battle:

Like German opera, too long and too loud.

- **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: Christopher Sykes *Evelyn Waugh* (1975)

25 As Lord Chesterfield said of the generals of his day, 'I only hope that when the enemy reads the list of their names, he trembles as I do.'

*usually quoted 'I don't know what effect these men will have upon the enemy, but, by God, they frighten me'*

- **Duke of Wellington** 1769–1852 British soldier and statesman: letter, 29 August 1810

26 *of an early attempt to write about Waterloo: Write the history of a battle? As well write the history of a ball!*

- **Duke of Wellington** 1769–1852 British soldier and statesman: Richard Holmes *Firing Line* (1986)

# Wealth

see also **MONEY, POVERTY**

The meek shall inherit the earth, but not the mineral rights. **John Paul Getty**

1 If you would know what the Lord God thinks of money, you have only to look at those to whom he gives it.

- **Maurice Baring** 1874–1945 British writer: Malcolm Cowley (ed.) *Writers at Work* (1958) 1st series

2 I can walk. It's just that I'm so rich I don't need to.

- **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Forty Years On* (1969)

3 People say I wasted my money. I say

90 per cent went on women, fast cars and booze. The rest I wasted.

- **George Best** 1946–2005 Northern Irish footballer: in *Daily Telegraph* 29 December 1990

4 A very rich person should leave his kids enough to do anything but not enough to do nothing.

- **Warren Buffett** 1930– American businessman: quoted in *Fortune Magazine* (online edition) 25 June 2006



- 5 Mrs Budge Bulkeley, worth £32,000,000, has arrived here [Isfahan] accompanied by some lesser millionairesses. They are in great misery because the caviar is running out.  
*on fellow travellers in Persia*  
▪ **Robert Byron** 1905-41 English traveller, art critic, and historian: *The Road to Oxiana* (1937)
- 6 When I hear a rich man described as a colourful character I figure he's a bum with money.  
▪ **Jimmy Cannon** 1910-73 American journalist: in *New York Post* c.1955 'Nobody Asked Me, But...'
- 7 I really love having money, because it lets me be lazy. Work's really overrated.  
▪ **Charlotte Church** 1986- Welsh soprano: in *Times* 9 September 2007
- 8 The Rich aren't like us—they pay less taxes.  
▪ **Peter De Vries** 1910-93 American novelist: in *Washington Post* 30 July 1989
- 9 £40,000 a year [is] a moderate income—such a one as a man might jog on with.  
▪ **Lord Durham** 1792-1840 English Whig politician: Herbert Maxwell *The Creevey Papers* (1903); letter from Mr Creevey to Miss Elizabeth Ord, 13 September 1821
- 10 A rich man is nothing but a poor man with money.  
▪ **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: attributed
- 11 The meek shall inherit the earth, but not the mineral rights.  
▪ **John Paul Getty** 1892-1976 American industrialist: Robert Lenzner *The Great Getty*; attributed
- 12 *aged seven, when his brother asked why he was not interested in learning to read:*  
Because when I grow up I'm going to be a millionaire and hire someone to read for me.  
▪ **James Goldsmith** 1933-97 British financier and politician: Juan Fallon *Billionaire: the life and times of Sir James Goldsmith* (1991)
- 13 Poor Harold, he can live on his income all right, but he no longer can live on the income from his income.  
*of Harold Vanderbilt*  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 14 Wealth and power are much more likely to be the result of breeding than they are of reading.  
*on self-help books*  
▪ **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Social Studies* (1981)
- 15 Wealth—any income that is at least \$100 more a year than the income of one's wife's sister's husband.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880-1956 American journalist and literary critic: *A Book of Burlesques* (1920)
- 16 I don't mind their having a lot of money, and I don't care how they employ it,  
But I do think that they damn well ought to admit they enjoy it.  
▪ **Ogden Nash** 1902-71 American humorist: 'The Terrible People' (1933)
- 17 The average millionaire is only the average dishwasher dressed in a new suit.  
▪ **George Orwell** 1903-50 English novelist: *Down and Out in Paris and London* (1933)
- 18 I am a Millionaire. That is my religion.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Major Barbara* (1907)
- 19 It is the wretchedness of being rich that you have to live with rich people.  
▪ **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931)
- 20 To suppose, as we all suppose, that we could be rich and not behave as the rich behave, is like supposing that we could drink all day and keep absolutely sober.  
▪ **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931)



- 21 It was very prettily said, that we may learn the little value of fortune by the persons on whom heaven is pleased to bestow it.
  - **Richard Steele** 1672-1729 Irish-born essayist and dramatist: *The Tatler* 27 July 1710
- 22 I've been poor and I've been rich—rich is better.
  - **Sophie Tucker** 1884-1966 Russian-born American vaudeville artiste: attributed
- 23 Real diamonds! They must be worth their weight in gold.
  - **Billy Wilder** 1906-2002 and **I. A. L. Diamond** 1915-88 screenwriters: *Some Like it Hot* (1959 film); spoken by Marilyn Monroe as Sugar Kane
- 24 I am grateful for the blessings of wealth, but it hasn't changed who I am. My feet are still on the ground. I'm just wearing better shoes.
  - **Oprah Winfrey** 1954- American talk-show host: in *Independent on Sunday* 18 July 2004

## The Weather

It was such a lovely day I thought it was a pity to get up. **W. Somerset Maugham**

- 1 The English winter—ending in July, To recommence in August.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)
- 2 Summer has set in with its usual severity.
  - **Samuel Taylor Coleridge** 1772-1834 English poet, critic, and philosopher: letter to Vincent Novello, 9 May 1826
- 3 to his cat, who disliked rain:  
I know what's wrong, my dear, but I really do not know how to turn it off.
  - **Albert Einstein** 1879-1955 German-born theoretical physicist: Banesch Hoffmann *Albert Einstein: Creator and Rebel* (1972)
- 4 There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing.
  - **Ranulph Fiennes** 1944- English explorer: attributed, re-working an old saying
- 5 A woman rang to say she heard there was a hurricane on the way. Well don't worry, there isn't.  
*weather forecast on the night before catastrophic gales in southern England*
  - **Michael Fish** 1944- British weather forecaster: BBC TV, 15 October 1987
- 6 The weather is like the Government, always in the wrong.
  - **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: *Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow* (1889)
- 7 When two Englishmen meet, their first talk is of the weather.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: *The Idler* 24 June 1758
- 8 The most serious charge which can be brought against New England is not Puritanism but February.
  - **Joseph Wood Krutch** 1893-1970 American critic and naturalist: *The Twelve Seasons* (1949) 'February'
- 9 commenting on the stifling heat of summer in Miami:  
The sensation of breathing, then living, was not unlike being obliged to make love to a 300-pound woman who has decided to get on top.
  - **Norman Mailer** 1923-2007 American novelist and essayist: *Miami and the Siege of Chicago* (1968)
- 10 It was such a lovely day I thought it was a pity to get up.
  - **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *Our Betters* (1923)
- 11 Winter is icummen in,  
Lhude sing Goddamm,  
Raineth drop and staineth slop,  
And how the wind doth ramm!  
Sing: Goddamm.
  - **Ezra Pound** 1885-1972 American poet: 'Ancient Music' (1917)
- 12 Come December, people always say, 'Isn't it cold?' Well, of course it's cold.



- It's the middle of winter. You don't wander around at midnight saying, 'Isn't it dark?'
- **Arthur Smith** 1954- English comedian: *Arthur Smith's Hamlet*
- 13 Thank heavens, the sun has gone in, and I don't have to go out and enjoy it.
- **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931)
- 14 Let no man boast himself that he has got through the perils of winter till at least the seventh of May.
- **Anthony Trollope** 1815-82 English novelist: *Doctor Thorne* (1858)
- 15 The way to ensure summer in England is to have it framed and glazed in a comfortable room.
- **Horace Walpole** 1717-97 English writer and connoisseur: letter to Revd William Cole, 28 May 1774
- 16 It was the wrong kind of snow.
- explaining disruption on British Rail*
- **Terry Worrall** British spokesman for British Rail: as quoted in *Evening Standard* 12 February 1991

# Weddings

see also **MARRIAGE**

A bride's attitude towards her betrothed can be summed up in three words:  
Aisle. Altar. Hymn. **Frank Muir**

- 1 If it were not for the presents, an elopement would be preferable.
- **George Ade** 1866-1944 American humorist and dramatist: *Forty Modern Fables* (1901)
- 2 a rhyming marriage licence, said to have been composed for an al fresco ceremony outside Lichfield:
- Under an oak in stormy weather  
I joined this rogue and whore together;  
And none but he who rules the thunder  
Can put this rogue and whore asunder.
- **Anonymous**: has been attributed to Swift, but of doubtful authenticity; C. H. Wilson *Swiftiana* (1804)
- 3 'What are you giving the bride and groom?'
- 'Oh, about three months.'
- **Anonymous**: said to have been overheard at a Hollywood wedding
- 4 Egghead weds hourglass.
- on the marriage of Arthur Miller and Marilyn Monroe*
- **Anonymous**: headline in *Variety* 1956; attributed
- 5 to guests as they arrived at the reception given for a smart society wedding:
- Don't go upstairs. The bride's hideous.
- **Margot Asquith** 1864-1945 British political hostess: *John Gielgud Distinguished Company* (1972)
- 6 We had a civil ceremony—his mother couldn't come.
- on her wedding*
- **Phyllis Diller** 1917-2012 American actress: attributed
- 7 A bride's attitude towards her betrothed can be summed up in three words:  
Aisle. Altar. Hymn.
- **Frank Muir** 1920-98 English writer and broadcaster: *Frank Muir and Denis Norden The Complete and Utter 'My Word' Collection* (1983)
- 8 The trouble  
with being best man is, you don't get a chance to prove it.
- **Les A. Murray** 1938- Australian poet: *The Boys Who Stole the Funeral* (1989)
- 9 agreeing with the comment, at her remarriage to Alan Campbell in 1950, that some of those



*present had not spoken to each other for years: Including the bride and groom.*

- **Dorothy Parker** 1893-1967 American critic and humorist: *Marion Meade What Fresh Hell Is This?* (1988)

10 In olden times sacrifices were made at the altar—a custom which is still continued.

- **Helen Rowland** 1875-1950 American writer: *Reflections of a Bachelor Girl* (1909)

11 You can always surprise your husband on your anniversary just by mentioning it.

- **Al Schock** 1920-2009 American businessman: *Jokes for All Occasions* (1979)

12 We're supposed to have just a small family affair.  
*on his wedding*

- **Prince William** 1982- British prince: to his father-in-law Michael Middleton at Westminster Abbey, 29 April 2011

13 Nothing so surely introduces a sour note into a wedding ceremony as the abrupt disappearance of the groom in a cloud of dust.

- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881-1975 English writer: *A Pelican at Blandings* (1969)

# Wine

see also **CHAMPAGNE, DRINK**

A good general rule is to state that the bouquet is better than the taste, and vice versa. **Stephen Potter**

1 *of claret:*

It would be port if it could.

- **Richard Bentley** 1662-1742 English classical scholar: *R. C. Jebb Bentley* (1902)

2 And Noah he often said to his wife  
when he sat down to dine,  
'I don't care where the water goes if it  
doesn't get into the wine.'

- **G. K. Chesterton** 1874-1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: 'Wine and Water' (1914)

3 *when the Queen accepted a second glass of wine at lunch:*

Do you think it's wise, darling? You know you've got to rule this afternoon.

- **Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother** 1900-2002: *Compton Miller Who's Really Who* (1983)

4 I cook with wine, sometimes I even add it to food.

- **W. C. Fields** 1880-1946 American humorist: attributed, probably apocryphal

5 Behold the rain which descends from heaven upon our vineyards, and which incorporates itself with the grapes to be changed into wine; a constant proof

that God loves us, and loves to see us happy!

- **Benjamin Franklin** 1706-90 American politician, inventor, and scientist: letter to the Abbé Morellet, c. July, 1779

6 A good general rule is to state that the bouquet is better than the taste, and vice versa.

*on wine-tasting*

- **Stephen Potter** 1900-69 British writer: *One-Upmanship* (1952)

7 It's the old wine ramp, vicar! Cheapish, reddish and Spanish.

- **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: *Where Are They Now?* (1973)

8 It's a naïve domestic Burgundy without any breeding, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption.

- **James Thurber** 1894-1961 American humorist: cartoon caption in *New Yorker* 27 March 1937

9 Poor wine at the table of a rich host is an insult without an apology.

- **Johann Georg Zimmermann** 1728-95 Swiss physician and writer: *Aphorisms and Reflections on Men, Morals, and Things* (1800)



# Wit and Wordplay

see also **HUMOUR, PUNS**

I'm on the horns of a Dalai Lama. **Dick Vosburgh**

1 **HONEY:** I wonder if you could show me where the...I want to...put some powder on my nose.

**GEORGE:** Martha, won't you show her where we keep the...euphemism?

▪ **Edward Albee** 1928- American dramatist: *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* (1964)

2 after reports that cafeterias in Washington had changed the name of 'french fries' to 'freedom fries' in response to French criticism of American policy in Iraq:

I don't want to have to refer to my French fry potatoes as freedom fries, and I don't want to have to freedom kiss my wife.

▪ **Woody Allen** 1935- American film director, writer, and actor: in *Independent* 7 June 2003

3 notice affixed to the gates of St James's Palace during one of George II's absences in Hanover:

Lost or strayed out of this house a man who has left a wife and six children on the parish...[A reward of four shillings and sixpence is offered] Nobody judging him to deserve a crown.

▪ **Anonymous:** Duke of Windsor 'My Hanoverian Ancestors' (unpublished reminiscences); Elizabeth Longford (ed.) *The Oxford Book of Royal Anecdotes* (1989)

4 it was said that aboard ship Caroline of Brunswick, the estranged wife of George IV, would sleep in a tent on deck with her majordomo, and take a bath in her cabin with him:

The Grand Master of St Caroline has found promotion's path;  
He is made both Knight Companion  
and Commander of the Bath.

▪ **Anonymous:** Roger Fulford *The Trial of Queen Caroline* (1967)

5 version of an old joke:

**VICTOR LEWIS SMITH:** You clearly don't

know the difference between a Joist and a Girder.

**IRISH BUILDER:** Yes I do. Joist wrote Ulysses and Girder wrote Faust.

▪ **Anonymous:** in *Evening Standard* 12 September 2003

6 Christopher Isherwood apologized for his bad cold, saying he should have cancelled his dinner invitation to Axelrod and Frederic Raphael: My dear Christopher, any cold of yours is a cold of mine.

▪ **George Axelrod** 1922-2003 American writer: quoted by Frederic Raphael in *Times Literary Supplement* 4 February 2000

7 My problem was that I was always missing. Miss World, Miss England, Miss UK...

▪ **George Best** 1946-2005 Northern Irish footballer: *Joe Lovejoy Bestie* (1998)

8 I'm a trisexual. I'll try anything once.

▪ **Jenny Bicks:** *Sex and the City* 'Boy, Girl, Boy, Girl...' (2000), spoken by Samantha (Kim Cattrall)

9 on being told he should not marry anyone as plain as his fiancée:

My dear fellow, buggers can't be choosers.

▪ **Maurice Bowra** 1898-1971 English scholar and literary critic: Hugh Lloyd-Jones *Maurice Bowra: a Celebration* (1974)

10 They will call me Mrs Pat. I can't stand it. The 'Pat' is the last straw that breaks the Campbell's back.

▪ **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865-1940 English actress: attributed

11 Wit ought to be a glorious treat, like caviar. It should be served in small elegant portions; never spread it about like marmalade.

▪ **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: attributed; Margaret Hainson *Never Spread Like Marmalade* (1975)



- 12 His wit invites you by his looks to come,  
But when you knock it never is at home.  
▪ **William Cowper** 1731-1800 English poet: 'Conversation' (1782)
- 13 *L'esprit de l'escalier.*  
Staircase wit.  
*the witty riposte one thinks of only when one has left the drawing-room and is already on the way downstairs*  
▪ **Denis Diderot** 1713-84 French philosopher: in *Paradoxe sur le Comédien* (written 1773-8, published 1830)
- 14 *to an author who had presented him with an unwelcome book:*  
Many thanks. I shall lose no time in reading it.  
▪ **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: Wilfrid Meynell *The Man Disraeli* (1903)
- 15 *to a footman who had accidentally spilt cream over him:*  
My good man, I'm not a strawberry!  
▪ **Edward VII** 1841-1910 British king: William Lanceley *From Hall-Boy to House-Steward* (1925)
- 16 I can answer you in two words,  
im-possible.  
▪ **Sam Goldwyn** 1882-1974 American film producer: Alva Johnston *The Great Goldwyn* (1937); apocryphal
- 17 My son, the world is your lobster.  
▪ **Leon Griffiths** 1928-92 English writer: *Minder* (TV series); Nigel Rees (ed.) *Cassell Dictionary of Humorous Quotations* (1999)
- 18 *cannibal Hannibal Lecter:*  
I do wish we could chat longer, but I'm having an old friend for dinner.  
▪ **Thomas Harris** 1940- and **Ted Tally** 1952- screenwriters: *The Silence of the Lambs* (1991 film)
- 19 *after Edward Heath had told Norman St John Stevas not to appear on a television programme:*  
ST JOHN STEVAS: I hope that disagreement about the television programme is water under the bridge?  
HEATH: No, not water under the bridge, promotion down the drain.  
▪ **Edward Heath** 1916-2005 British Conservative statesman: attributed
- 20 Dentist fills wrong cavity.  
*report of a dentist convicted of interfering with a patient*  
▪ **Ben Hecht** 1894-1964 American screenwriter: attributed
- 21 Lisp: to call a spade a thpade.  
▪ **Oliver Herford** 1863-1935 American humorist: attributed; Evan Esar and Nicolas Bentley (eds.) *The Treasury of Humorous Quotations* (1951)
- 22 I am trisexual. The Army, the Navy, and the Household Cavalry.  
▪ **Brian Desmond Hurst** 1895-1986 Irish film director: Christopher Robbins *The Empress of Ireland* (2004)
- 23 The Tuscan Palazzo of Count Girolamo Strozzi where he [Tony Blair] forged one of New Labour's few hard-edged ideological positions: he was pro-sciutto and anti-pasto.  
▪ **Boris Johnson** 1964- British Conservative politician: in *Daily Telegraph* 22 July 2008
- 24 *Ira Gershwin had noticed two aged men entering the theatre:*  
GERSHWIN: That must be Gilbert and Sullivan coming to fix the show.  
KAUFMAN: Why don't you put jokes like that into your lyrics?  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 25 'Succès d'estime' translates as 'a success that ran out of steam'.  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 American dramatist: Philip Furia *Ira Gershwin* (1996)
- 26 MRS WHITEHEAD: That's bigamy.  
CAPTAIN SPAULDING: Yes, and it's big of me, too.  
▪ **George S. Kaufman** 1889-1961 and **Morrie Ryskind** 1895-1985 screenwriters: *Animal Crackers* (1930 film), spoken by Margaret Irving and Groucho Marx
- 27 The greatest thing since they reinvented unsliced bread.  
▪ **William Keegan** 1938- British journalist: in *Observer* 13 December 1987



- 28 The first thing I do in the morning is brush my teeth and sharpen my tongue.  
 ▪ **Oscar Levant** 1906–72 American pianist: attributed; Evan Esar *Treasury of Humorous Quotations* (1951)
- 29 *for a poem on being Poet Laureate:*  
 It's hard to get your words' worth from a poet.  
 ▪ **Roger McGough** 1937– English poet: attributed
- 30 Said Hamlet to Ophelia,  
 I'll draw a sketch of thee.  
 What kind of pencil shall I use?  
 2B or not 2B?  
 ▪ **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: 'Hamlet'
- 31 I must go down to the sea again  
 To the lonely sea and the sky;  
 I left my shoes and socks there—  
 I wonder if they're dry?  
*parodying John Masefield's 'Sea Fever'*  
 ▪ **Spike Milligan** 1918–2002 Irish comedian: 'Return to Sorrento (3rd Class)'
- 32 If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked and dry cleaners depressed?  
 ▪ **Virginia Ostman**: attributed; Laurence J. Peter *Quotations for our Time* (1977)
- 33 *to the British actor Herbert Marshall who annoyed her by repeated references to his busy 'shedule':*  
 I think you're full of skit.  
 ▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic and humorist: Marion Meade *What Fresh Hell Is This?* (1988)
- 34 The pellet with the poison's in the vessel with the pestle. The chalice from the palace has the brew that is true.  
 ▪ **Norman Panama** 1914–2003 and **Melvin Frank** 1913–88 American screenwriters: *The Court Jester* (1955 film); spoken by Danny Kaye
- 35 You beat your pate, and fancy wit will come:  
 Knock as you please, there's nobody at home.  
 ▪ **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: 'Epigram: You beat your pate' (1732)
- 36 ADVERTISEMENT: Rice is nice, but ricicles are twicicles as nicicles.  
 CEDRIC PRICE: But testicles is besticles.  
*in a Cambridge cinema watching the advertisements*  
 ▪ **Cedric Price** 1934–2003 English architect: Alan Bennett diary 2003, in *London Review of Books* 8 January 2004
- 37 No, no; for my virginity,  
 When I lose that, says Rose, I'll die:  
 Behind the elms last night, cried Dick,  
 Rose, were you not extremely sick?  
 ▪ **Matthew Prior** 1664–1721 English poet: 'A True Maid' (1718)
- 38 The cruel Queen died and a post-mortem examination revealed the word 'CALLOUS' engraved on her heart.  
*of Mary Tudor, who had said CALAIS would be engraved on her heart*  
 ▪ **W. C. Sellar** 1898–1951 and **R. J. Yeatman** 1898–1968: *1066 and All That* (1930)
- 39 Comparisons are odorous.  
 ▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564–1616 English dramatist: *Much Ado About Nothing* (1598–9)
- 40 *of Jeffrey Archer's title:*  
 Lord Archer of Weston-Super-Mare—the only seaside pier on which Danny La Rue has not performed.  
 ▪ **Neil Shand**: *Loose Ends* monologue, 1999
- 41 An aspersion upon my parts of speech!  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Rivals* (1775)
- 42 He is the very pineapple of politeness!  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Rivals* (1775)
- 43 MRS MALAPROP: No caparisons, Miss, if you please!—Caparisons don't become a young woman.  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Rivals* (1775)
- 44 MRS MALAPROP: She's as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile.  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751–1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The Rivals* (1775)



- 45 **LADY SNEERWELL**: There's no possibility of being witty without a little ill-nature; the malice of a good thing is the barb that makes it stick.  
 ▪ **Richard Brinsley Sheridan** 1751-1816 Irish dramatist and Whig politician: *The School for Scandal* (1777)
- 46 *on seeing Mrs Grote in a huge rose-coloured turban:*  
 Now I know the meaning of the word 'grotesque'.  
 ▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771-1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Peter Virgin Sydney Smith* (1994)
- 47 *the Earl of Snowdon, asking Sir Anthony Wagner, Garter King of Arms, for greater flexibility when making arrangements for the Investiture of the Prince of Wales at Carmarthen Castle in 1969:*  
 Garter, darling, can't you be a little more elastic?  
 ▪ **Lord Snowdon** 1930- English photographer: as told to the editor
- 48 *a toast:*  
 To our queer old dean.  
 ▪ **William Archibald Spooner** 1844-1930 English academic: *Oxford University What's What* (1948); attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 49 *to an undergraduate:*  
 You have tasted your worm, you have hissed my mystery lectures, and you must leave by the first town drain.  
 ▪ **William Archibald Spooner** 1844-1930 English academic: *Oxford University What's What* (1948); attributed, perhaps apocryphal
- 50 My parents bought a lavatory from a travelling circus, under the fond delusion that a Chipperfield commode was a desirable thing to have about the house.  
*at a British Antique Dealers' Association dinner in the 1970s*  
 ▪ **Tom Stoppard** 1937- British dramatist: attributed; in *Spectator* 19 December 1998
- 51 To those waiting with bated breath for that favourite media catchphrase, the U-turn, I have only this to say. 'You turn if you want to; the lady's not for turning.'  
 ▪ **Margaret Thatcher** 1925-2013 British Conservative stateswoman: speech at Conservative Party Conference in Brighton, 10 October 1980
- 52 When you see the sign 'African Primates Meeting' you expect someone to produce bananas.  
*address at his retirement service, Cape Town, 23 June 1996*  
 ▪ **Desmond Tutu** 1931- South African Anglican clergyman: in *Daily Telegraph* 24 June 1996
- 53 Enter the strumpet voluntary.  
 ▪ **Kenneth Tynan** 1927-80 English theatre critic: of a guest at an Oxford party; attributed
- 54 I'm on the horns of a Dalai Lama.  
 ▪ **Dick Vosburgh** 1929-2007 American writer: *A Saint She Ain't* (1999)
- 55 *the American lexicographer Noah Webster was said to have been found by his wife embracing a chambermaid:*  
**MRS WEBSTER**: Noah, I'm surprised.  
**NOAH WEBSTER**: No, my dear. You are amazed. It is we who are surprised.  
 ▪ **Noah Webster** 1758-1843 American lexicographer: apocryphal; *William Safire* in *New York Times* 15 October 1973
- 56 **OSCAR WILDE**: How I wish I had said that.  
**WHISTLER**: You will, Oscar, you will.  
 ▪ **James McNeill Whistler** 1834-1903 American-born painter: in *R. Ellman Oscar Wilde* (1987)
- 57 I thought coq au vin was love in a lorry.  
 ▪ **Victoria Wood** 1953- British writer and comedienne: *Talent* (1978)



# Wives

see also **MARRIAGE**

When you marry your mistress you create a job vacancy. **James Goldsmith**

- 1 Many a man owes his success to his first wife and his second wife to his success.
  - **Jim Backus** 1913-89 American actor: attributed
- 2 *to his butler, who had resigned because of Lady Braxfield's constant scolding:*  
Lord! ye've little to complain o': ye may be thankfu' ye're no married to her.
  - **Lord Braxfield** 1722-99: Henry Cockburn *Memorials of his Time* (1856)
- 3 Think you, if Laura had been Petrarch's wife,  
He would have written sonnets all his life?
  - **Lord Byron** 1788-1824 English poet: *Don Juan* (1819-24)
- 4 Translations (like wives) are seldom strictly faithful if they are in the least attractive.
  - **Roy Campbell** 1901-57 South African poet: in *Poetry Review* June-July 1949
- 5 It's my old girl that advises. She has the head. But I never own to it before her. Discipline must be maintained.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812-70 English novelist: *Bleak House* (1853)
- 6 Here lies my wife; here let her lie!  
Now she's at peace and so am I.
  - **John Dryden** 1631-1700 English poet, critic, and dramatist: epitaph; attributed but not traced in his works
- 7 The comfortable estate of widowhood, is the only hope that keeps up a wife's spirits.
  - **John Gay** 1685-1732 English poet and dramatist: *The Beggar's Opera* (1728)
- 8 When you marry your mistress you create a job vacancy.  
*marrying Lady Annabel Birley in 1978*
  - **James Goldsmith** 1933-97 British financier and politician: *G. Wansell Tycoon* (1987)
- 9 I...chose my wife, as she did her wedding gown, not for a fine glossy surface, but such qualities as would wear well.
  - **Oliver Goldsmith** 1730-74 Irish writer: *The Vicar of Wakefield* (1766)
- 10 Only two things are necessary to keep one's wife happy. One is to let her think she is having her own way, and the other, to let her have it.
  - **Lyndon Baines Johnson** 1908-73 American Democratic statesman: attributed
- 11 There's nothing like a good dose of another woman to make a man appreciate his wife.
  - **Clare Booth Luce** 1903-87 American diplomat, politician, and writer: *The Women* (1937)
- 12 There once was an old man of Lyme  
Who married three wives at a time,  
When asked 'Why a third?'  
He replied, 'One's absurd!  
And bigamy, Sir, is a crime!'  
  - **William Cosmo Monkhouse** 1840-1901 English art critic: *Nonsense Rhymes* (1902)
- 13 Who was that lady I saw you with last night?  
She ain't no lady; she's my wife.
  - **Joe Weber** 1867-1942 and **Lew Fields** 1867-1941 American comedians: vaudeville lines, 1887
- 14 Twenty years of romance make a woman look like a ruin; but twenty years of marriage make her something like a public building.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *A Woman of No Importance* (1893)
- 15 Marriage is a bribe to make a housekeeper think she's a householder.
  - **Thornton Wilder** 1897-1975 American novelist and dramatist: *The Merchant of Yonkers* (1939)



- 16 There are men who fear repartee in a wife more keenly than a sword.
- **P. G. Wodehouse** 1881–1975 English writer: *Jill the Reckless* (1922)

# Women and Woman's Role

see also **FEMINISM, MEN AND WOMEN**

A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle. **Irina Dunn**

- 1 The nightingale will run out of songs before a woman runs out of conversation.
  - **Anonymous**: Spanish proverb
- 2 We women do talk too much, but even then we don't tell half we know.
  - **Nancy Astor** 1879–1964 American-born British Conservative politician: attributed, 1934
- 3 I believe a woman's place is in the home—or anyway in some cosy nightclub.
  - **Lucille Ball** 1911–89 American actress: attributed; Michèle Brown and Ann O'Connor *Hammer and Tongues* (1986)
- 4 Women complain about premenstrual syndrome, but I think of it as the only time of the month I can be myself.
  - **Roseanne Barr** 1953– American comedienne and actress: attributed
- 5 The trouble with women in an orchestra is that if they are attractive it will upset my players and if they're not it will upset me.
  - **Thomas Beecham** 1879–1961 English conductor: Harold Atkins and Archie Newman *Beecham Stories* (1978)
- 6 A woman who looks like a girl and thinks like a man is the best sort, the most enjoyable to be and the most pleasurable to have and to hold.
  - **Julie Burchill** 1960– English journalist and writer: *Damaged Goods* (1986)
- 7 I heard a man say that brigands demand your money or your life, whereas women require both.
  - **Samuel Butler** 1835–1902 English novelist: *Further Extracts from Notebooks* (1934)
- 8 The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing—and then marry him.
  - **Cher** 1946– American singer and actress: attributed
- 9 A good uniform must work its way with the women, sooner or later.
  - **Charles Dickens** 1812–70 English novelist: *Pickwick Papers* (1837)
- 10 A woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle.
  - **Irina Dunn** 1948– Australian writer and politician: graffito written 1970; attributed to Dunn by Gloria Steinem in *Time* 9 October 2000
- 11 Women are like elephants to me; I like to look at them, but I wouldn't want to own one.
  - **W. C. Fields** 1880–1946 American humorist: attributed
- 12 'O! help me, heaven,' she prayed, 'to be decorative and to do right!'
  - **Ronald Firbank** 1886–1926 English novelist: *The Flower Beneath the Foot* (1923)
- 13 The more underdeveloped the country, the more overdeveloped the women.
  - **J. K. Galbraith** 1908–2006 Canadian-born American economist: in *Time* 17 October 1969
- 14 She had the loaded handbag of someone who camps out and seldom goes home.
  - **Mavis Gallant** 1922– Canadian writer: *A Fairly Good Time* (1970)
- 15 Nothing is ever so wrong in this world that a sensible woman can't set it right



- in the course of an afternoon.
- **Jean Giraudoux** 1882-1944 French dramatist: *The Madwoman of Chaillot* (1945)
- 16 The Conservative Establishment has always treated women as nannies, grannies and fannies.
- **Teresa Gorman** 1931- British Conservative politician: in *Times* 7 November 1998
- 17 She who must be obeyed.
- **H. Rider Haggard** 1856-1925 English writer: *She* (1887)
- 18 When Grandma was a lassie  
That tyrant known as man  
Thought a woman's place  
Was just the space  
Around a fryin' pan.  
It was good enough for Grandma  
But it ain't good enough for us!
- **E. Y. Harburg** 1898-1981 American songwriter: 'It was Good Enough for Grandma' (1944)
- 19 Other people's babies—  
That's my life!  
Mother to dozens,  
And nobody's wife.  
*of a nanny*
- **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: 'Other People's Babies' (1930)
- 20 Every woman should have four pets in her life: a mink in her closet, a Jaguar in her garage, a tiger in her bed and a jackass who pays for everything.
- **Paris Hilton** 1981- American heiress: in *The Gazette* [Montreal] 5 February 2005
- 21 A woman's preaching is like a dog's walking on his hinder legs. It is not done well; but you are surprised to find it done at all.
- **Samuel Johnson** 1709-84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 31 July 1763
- 22 Remember, you're fighting for this woman's honour... which is probably more than she ever did.
- **Bert Kalmar** 1884-1947 and others screenwriters: *Duck Soup* (1933 film); spoken by Groucho Marx
- 23 When you get to a man in the case,  
They're like as a row of pins—  
For the Colonel's Lady an' Judy  
O'Grady  
Are sisters under their skins!
- **Rudyard Kipling** 1865-1936 English writer and poet: 'The Ladies' (1896)
- 24 Being a woman is of special interest only to aspiring male transsexuals. To actual women, it is merely a good excuse not to play football.
- **Fran Lebowitz** 1946- American writer: *Metropolitan Life* (1978)
- 25 I can stretch a greenback dollar from here to Kingdom Come.  
I can play the numbers, pay my bills, an' still end up with some  
I got a twenty dollar piece says  
There ain't nothin' I can't do.  
I can make a dress out of a feed bag an'  
I can make a man out of you.  
'Cause I'm a woman  
W-O-M-A-N  
I'll say it again.
- **Jerry Leiber** 1933-2011 American songwriter: 'I'm a Woman' (1962 song)
- 26 The standards women set for themselves these days are incredibly high and we can't live up to them. Whatever we do, we can never make the perfect soufflé – and be up in the bedroom in the black lacy underwear at the right time, or, if we are, the plumber's bound to be in there.
- **Maureen Lipman** 1946- English actress: attributed
- 27 Women do not find it difficult nowadays to behave like men, but they often find it extremely difficult to behave like gentlemen.
- **Compton Mackenzie** 1883-1972 English novelist: *Literature in My Time* (1933)
- 28 You know that look women get when they want to have sex? Me neither.
- **Steve Martin** 1945- American comedian: attributed
- 29 Women's hearts are like old china... none the worse for a break or two.
- **W. Somerset Maugham** 1874-1965 English novelist: *Lady Frederick* (1947)



- 30 'Always be civil to the girls, you never know who they may marry' is an aphorism which has saved many an English spinster from being treated like an Indian widow.  
▪ **Nancy Mitford** 1904-73 English writer: *Love in a Cold Climate* (1949)
- 31 Be plain in dress and sober in your diet; In short my deary, kiss me, and be quiet.  
▪ **Lady Mary Wortley Montagu** 1689-1762 English writer: 'A Summary of Lord Lyttelton's Advice'
- 32 Though she be but little, she is fierce.  
▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (1595-6)
- 33 The lady doth protest too much, methinks.  
▪ **William Shakespeare** 1564-1616 English dramatist: *Hamlet* (1601)
- 34 The fickleness of the women I love is only equalled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me.  
▪ **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *The Philanderer* (1898)
- 35 A woman seldom writes her mind but in her postscript.  
▪ **Richard Steele** 1672-1729 Irish-born essayist and dramatist: *The Spectator* 31 May 1711
- 36 We are becoming the men we wanted to marry.  
▪ **Gloria Steinem** 1934- American journalist: in *Ms* July/August 1982
- 37 There are worse occupations in this world than feeling a woman's pulse.  
▪ **Laurence Sterne** 1713-68 English novelist: *A Sentimental Journey* (1768)
- 38 She was a blonde—with a brunette past.  
▪ **Gwyn Thomas** 1913-81 Welsh novelist and dramatist: attributed, 1969; Nigel Rees *Chambers Dictionary of Modern Quotations* (1993)
- 39 When once a woman has given you her heart, you can never get rid of the rest of her body.  
▪ **John Vanbrugh** 1664-1726 English architect and dramatist: *The Relapse* (1696)
- 40 The world is full of care, much like unto a bubble;  
Woman and care, and care and women, and women and care and trouble.  
▪ **Nathaniel Ward** 1578-1652 English clergyman: epigram, attributed by Ward to a lady at the Court of the Queen of Bohemia; *The Simple Cobbler of Aggawam in America* (1647)
- 41 I will not stand for being called a woman in my own house.  
▪ **Evelyn Waugh** 1903-66 English novelist: *Scoop* (1938)
- 42 You may admire a girl's curves on first introduction, but the second meeting shows up new angles.  
▪ **Mae West** 1892-1980 American film actress: Joseph Weintraub *The Wit and Wisdom of Mae West* (1967)
- 43 Many a woman has a past, but I am told that she has at least a dozen, and that they all fit.  
▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: *Lady Windermere's Fan* (1892)



# Words

see also **LANGUAGE**

Some word that teems with hidden meaning—like Basingstoke. **W. S. Gilbert**

- 1 The most beautiful words in the English language are not 'I love you' but 'It's benign'.
  - **Woody Allen** 1935– American film director, writer, and actor: *Deconstructing Harry* (1997 film)
- 2 as a young serviceman Dennis Potter was summoned for help with spelling by an elderly Major:  
How you do spell 'accelerator'? I've been all through the blasted 'Ex's' in this bloody dictionary.
  - **Anonymous**: related by Dennis Potter during the launch of his television show *Lipstick on Your Collar*; in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 3 Serendipity means searching for a needle in a haystack and instead finding a farmer's daughter.
  - **Anonymous**: in 'Quote...Unquote' Newsletter, July 1995, as quoted by Sir Herman Bondi
- 4 Bendor says that Beauchamp is a bugler. when Bendor, Duke of Westminster, tried to explain his brother-in-law's homosexuality to his sister
  - **Lady Beauchamp** 1876–1936: in *Daily Telegraph* 16 November 2005
- 5 The English language may hold a more disagreeable combination of words than 'The doctor will see you now.' I am willing to concede something to the phrase 'Have you anything to say before the current is turned on'.
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: *Love Conquers All* (1923)
- 6 It depends on what the meaning of 'is' is. videotaped evidence to the grand jury, when questioned in relation to Monica Lewinsky
  - **Bill Clinton** 1946– American Democratic statesman: tapes broadcast 21 September 1998; in *Guardian* 22 September 1998
- 7 Euphemisms are unpleasant truths wearing diplomatic cologne.
  - **Quentin Crisp** 1908–99 English writer: *Manners from Heaven* (1984)
- 8 Some word that teems with hidden meaning—like Basingstoke.
  - **W. S. Gilbert** 1836–1911 English writer: *Ruddigore* (1887)
- 9 I had always assumed that Cliché was a suburb of Paris, until I discovered it to be a street in Oxford.
  - **Philip Guedalla** 1889–1944 British historian and biographer: *Supers and Supermen* (1920)
- 10 Words are chameleons, which reflect the colour of their environment.
  - **Learned Hand** 1872–1961 American judge: in *Commissioner v. National Carbide Corp.* (1948)
- 11 The greatest romance in the life of a lyricist is when the right word meets the right note; often however, a Park Avenue phrase elopes with a Bleeker Street chord resulting in a shotgun wedding and a quickie divorce.
  - **E. Y. Harburg** 1898–1981 American songwriter: lecture given at the New York YMCA in 1970
- 12 I understand your new play is full of single entendre.
  - **George S. Kaufman** 1889–1961 American dramatist: to Howard Dietz on *Between the Devil*; Howard Teichmann *George S. Kaufman* (1973)
- 13 Avant-garde? That's the French for bullshit.
  - **John Lennon** 1940–80 English pop singer and songwriter: attributed
- 14 Hypochondria is Greek for 'men'.
  - **Kathy Lette** 1958– Australian writer: in *Mail on Sunday* 4 April 2004



- 15 They say the definition of ambivalence is watching your mother-in-law drive over a cliff in your new Cadillac.
  - **David Mamet** 1947– American dramatist and director: in *Guardian* 19 February 2000
- 16 Words are like leaves; and where they most abound,  
Much fruit of sense beneath is rarely found.
  - **Alexander Pope** 1688–1744 English poet: *An Essay on Criticism* (1711)
- 17 The trouble with words is that you never know whose mouth they've been in.
  - **Dennis Potter** 1935–94 English television dramatist: attributed
- 18 suggested remedy when J. H. Thomas complained of 'an 'ell of an 'eadache':  
A couple of aspirates.
  - **F. E. Smith** 1872–1930 British Conservative politician and lawyer: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdote* (1993)
- 19 Man does not live by words alone, despite the fact that he sometimes has to eat them.
  - **Adlai Stevenson** 1900–65 American Democratic politician: *The Wit and Wisdom of Adlai Stevenson* (1965)
- 20 By hard, honest labour I've dug all the large words out of my vocabulary...I never write metropolis for seven cents because I can get the same money for city. I never write policeman, because I can get the same money for *Cop*.
  - **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer: *Mark Twain's Speeches* (1923)
- 21 A chair is a piece of furniture. I am not a chair because no one has ever sat on me.  
on Jack Straw's announcement that Parliamentary language will now be gender-neutral
  - **Ann Widdecombe** 1947– British Conservative politician: in *Observer* 11 March 2007

# Work

see also **HOLIDAYS** and Leisure

Work is always so much more fun than fun. **Noël Coward**

- 1 I will undoubtedly have to seek what is happily known as gainful employment, which I am glad to say does not describe holding public office.
  - **Dean Acheson** 1893–1971 American politician: in *Time* 22 December 1952
- 2 A professional is a man who can do his job when he doesn't feel like it. An amateur is a man who can't do his job when he does feel like it.
  - **James Agate** 1877–1947 British drama critic and novelist: diary, 19 July 1945
- 3 We often miss opportunity because it's dressed in overalls and looks like work.
  - **Anonymous**: saying found from the 1920s, later often associated with Thomas Edison
- 4 Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.
  - **J. M. Barrie** 1860–1937 Scottish writer and dramatist: attributed
- 5 Lord Finchley tried to mend the Electric Light  
Himself. It struck him dead: And serve him right!  
It is the business of the wealthy man  
To give employment to the artisan.
  - **Hilaire Belloc** 1870–1953 British writer and Liberal politician: 'Lord Finchley' (1911)
- 6 Oh you hate your job? Why didn't you say so? There's a support group for that. It's called EVERYBODY and they meet at the bar.
  - **Drew Carey** 1958– American comedian and actor: attributed



- 7 *when criticized for continually arriving late for work:*  
But think how early I go.
  - **Lord Castlerosse** 1891-1943: while working in the City in 1919 for his uncle Lord Revelstoke; Leonard Mosley *Castlerosse* (1956); remark also claimed by Howard Dietz at MGM
- 8 Work is always so much more fun than fun.
  - **Noël Coward** 1899-1973 English dramatist, actor, and composer: Sheridan Morley *The Quotable Noël Coward* (1999)
- 9 I never work. Work does age you so.
  - **Quentin Crisp** 1908-99 English writer: in *Observer* 10 January 1999 'Sayings of the Week'
- 10 By working faithfully eight hours a day, you may eventually get to be a boss and work twelve hours a day.
  - **Robert Frost** 1874-1963 American poet: attributed
- 11 I have long been of the opinion that if work were such a splendid thing the rich would have kept more of it for themselves.
  - **Bruce Grocott** 1940- British Labour politician: in *Observer* 22 May 1988 'Sayings of the Week'
- 12 HOMER: The three little sentences that will get you through life. Number 1: Cover for me. Number 2: Oh, good idea, Boss! Number 3: It was like that when I got here.
  - **Matt Groening** 1954- American humorist and satirist: *The Simpsons* 'One Fish, Two Fish, Blowfish, Blue Fish' (1991) written by Nell Scovell
- 13 I like work: it fascinates me. I can sit and look at it for hours.
  - **Jerome K. Jerome** 1859-1927 English writer: *Three Men in a Boat* (1889)
- 14 There are so many things that we wish we had done yesterday, so few that we feel like doing today.
  - **Mignon McLaughlin** 1913-83 American writer: *Complete Neurotic's Notebook* (1981)
- 15 Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion.
  - **C. Northcote Parkinson** 1909-93 English writer: *Parkinson's Law* (1958)
- 16 It's true hard work never killed anybody, but I figure why take the chance?
  - **Ronald Reagan** 1911-2004 American Republican statesman: interview; in *Guardian* 31 March 1987
- 17 It is not more vacation we need—it is more vocation.
  - **Eleanor Roosevelt** 1884-1962 American humanitarian and diplomat: *Tomorrow is Now* (1963)
- 18 I have yet to hear a man ask for advice on how to combine marriage and a career.
  - **Gloria Steinem** 1934- American journalist: attributed
- 19 Work is the curse of the drinking classes.
  - **Oscar Wilde** 1854-1900 Irish dramatist and poet: Hesketh Pearson *Life of Oscar Wilde* (1946)



# Writers

see also **BOOKS, LITERATURE, POETRY, POETS, READING, WRITING**

I know no person so perfectly disagreeable and even dangerous as an author.

**William IV**

- 1 By appointment: teddy bear to the nation.  
*heading to profile of John Betjeman*
  - **Anonymous:** Alan Bell 'Times Profile: Sir John Betjeman' in *Times* 20 September 1982
- 2 *of the Bloomsbury Group:*  
They lived in squares and loved in triangles.
  - **Anonymous:** unattributed saying
- 3 Wanting to know an author because you like his work is like wanting to know a duck because you like pâté.
  - **Margaret Atwood** 1939– Canadian novelist: in *Globe and Mail* 7 September 1996
- 4 We were put to Dickens as children but it never quite took. That unremitting humanity soon had me cheesed off.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *The Old Country* (1978)
- 5 *on being telephoned by the Evening News to ask if he had any comment to offer on the occasion of Harold Pinter's fiftieth birthday:*  
I don't; it's only later I realize I could have suggested two minutes' silence.
  - **Alan Bennett** 1934– English dramatist and actor: *Writing Home* (1994)
- 6 He's always backing into the limelight.  
*of T. E. Lawrence*
  - **Lord Berners** 1883–1950 English composer, artist, and writer: oral tradition
- 7 *of Dr Johnson and her husband James Boswell:*  
I have seen many a bear led by a man: but I never before saw a man led by a bear.
  - **Margaret Boswell** c.1738–89: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 27 November 1773
- 8 Mark Twain was a mop-headed male  
Whose narratives sparkled like ale  
And this Prince of the Grin  
Who fathered Huck Finn  
Can still hold the world by the tale!
  - **Mrs W. S. Burgess:** winner of a competition in *The Mark Twain Quarterly* 1942
- 9 In general I do not draw well with literary men—not that I dislike them but—I never know what to say to them after I have praised their last publication.
  - **Lord Byron** 1788–1824 English poet: 'Detached Thoughts' 15 October 1821
- 10 *of the vegetarian George Bernard Shaw:*  
If you give him meat no woman in London will be safe.
  - **Mrs Patrick Campbell** 1865–1940 English actress: Frank Harris *Contemporary Portraits* (1919)
- 11 Oh, Jack Kerouac—that isn't writing, it's typing.
  - **Truman Capote** 1924–84 American writer: M. Thomas Inge *Truman Capote: Conversations* (1987)
- 12 In America only the successful writer is important, in France all writers are important, in England no writer is important, and in Australia you have to explain what a writer is.
  - **Geoffrey Cotterell** 1919–2010 English writer: in *New York Journal-American* 22 September 1961
- 13 Most people are vain, so I try to ensure that any author who comes to stay will find at least one of their books in their room.
  - **Duke of Devonshire** 1920–2004: in *The Spectator* 22 January 1994
- 14 I love being a writer. What I can't stand is the paperwork.
  - **Peter De Vries** 1910–93 American novelist: Laurence J. Peter (ed.) *Quotations for our Time* (1977)



- 15 An author who speaks about his own books is almost as bad as a mother who talks about her own children.
  - **Benjamin Disraeli** 1804-81 British Tory statesman and novelist: at a banquet given in Glasgow on his installation as Lord Rector, 19 November 1873
- 16 *on Henry James:*  
He had a mind so fine no idea could violate it.
  - **T. S. Eliot** 1888-1965 American-born British poet, critic, and dramatist: in *The Little Review* January 1918
- 17 The mama of dada.  
*of Gertrude Stein*
  - **Clifton Fadiman** 1904-99 American critic: *Party of One* (1955)
- 18 The nicest old lady I ever met.  
*of Henry James*
  - **William Faulkner** 1897-1962 American novelist: Edward Stone *The Battle and the Books* (1964)
- 19 It is splendid to be a great writer, to put men into the frying pan of your words and make them pop like chestnuts.
  - **Gustave Flaubert** 1821-80 French novelist: letter to Louise Colet, 3 November 1851
- 20 The work of Henry James has always seemed divisible by a simple dynastic arrangement into three reigns: James I, James II, and the Old Pretender.
  - **Philip Guedalla** 1889-1944 British historian and biographer: *Supers and Supermen* (1920) 'Some Critics'
- 21 The cheerful clatter of Sir James Barrie's cans as he went round with the milk of human kindness.
  - **Philip Guedalla** 1889-1944 British historian and biographer: *Supers and Supermen* (1920) 'Some Critics'
- 22 The defendant, Mr. Haddock, is, among other things, an author, which fact should alone dispose you in the plaintiff's favour.
  - **A. P. Herbert** 1890-1971 English writer and humorist: *Misleading Cases* (1935)
- 23 The book of my enemy has been remaindered  
And I rejoice.
  - **Clive James** 1939- Australian critic and writer: 'The Book of My Enemy has been Remaindered' (1986)
- 24 Whatever Wells writes is not only alive, but kicking.  
*on H. G. Wells*
  - **Henry James** 1843-1916 American novelist: G. K. Chesterton *Autobiography* (1936)
- 25 *a young admirer had asked if he might kiss the hand that wrote Ulysses:*  
No, it did lots of other things too.
  - **James Joyce** 1882-1941 Irish novelist: Richard Ellmann *James Joyce* (1959)
- 26 Mr Ruskin, whose distinction it was to express in prose of incomparable grandeur thought of an unparalleled confusion.
  - **Osbert Lancaster** 1908-86 English writer and cartoonist: *Pillar to Post* (1938)
- 27 E. M. Forster never gets any further than warming the teapot. He's a rare fine hand at that. Feel this teapot. Is it not beautifully warm? Yes, but there ain't going to be no tea.
  - **Katherine Mansfield** 1888-1923 New Zealand-born short-story writer: diary, May 1917
- 28 Dear Willie, you may well be right in thinking you write like Shakespeare. Certainly I have noticed during these last few months an adulation of your name in the more vulgar portions of the popular press. And one word of brotherly advice. *Do Not Attempt the Sonnets.*
  - **Viscount Maugham** 1866-1958 British lawyer: letter to his brother Somerset Maugham, in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdotalage* (1993)
- 29 I am the kind of writer that people think other people are reading.
  - **V. S. Naipaul** 1932- Trinidadian writer of Indian descent: in *Radio Times* 14 March 1979
- 30 The triumph of sugar over diabetes.  
*of J. M. Barrie, author of Peter Pan*
  - **George Jean Nathan** 1882-1958 American critic: Robin May *The Wit of the Theatre* (1969)



- 31 Oh, that Bernadette Shaw! What a chatterbox! Nags away from arsehole to breakfast-time but never sees what's staring her in the face.  
 ▪ **Peter Nichols** 1927– English dramatist: *Privates on Parade* (1977)
- 32 Those of us who had a perfectly happy childhood should be able to sue for deprivation of literary royalties.  
 ▪ **Chris Patten** 1944– British Conservative politician: in *Times* 2 February 2006
- 33 on being asked to appear in a charity programme in support of imprisoned writers: No, on the whole I think all writers should be in prison.  
 ▪ **Ralph Richardson** 1902–83 English actor: in *Ned Sherrin in his Anecdotal* (1993)
- 34 Virginia Woolf, I enjoyed talking to her, but thought *nothing* of her writing. I considered her 'a beautiful little knitter'.  
 ▪ **Edith Sitwell** 1887–1964 English poet and critic: letter to Geoffrey Singleton, 11 July 1955
- 35 He [Macaulay] is like a book in breeches.  
 ▪ **Sydney Smith** 1771–1845 English clergyman and essayist: *Lady Holland Memoir* (1855)
- 36 The shelf life of the modern hardback writer is somewhere between the milk and the yoghurt.  
 ▪ **Calvin Trillin** 1935– American journalist and writer: in *Sunday Times* 9 June 1991; attributed
- 37 Truman made lying an art form—a minor art form.  
*on Truman Capote*  
 ▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: in *People* 25 June 1979
- 38 What other culture could have produced someone like Hemingway and not seen the joke?  
 ▪ **Gore Vidal** 1925–2012 American novelist and critic: *Pink Triangle and Yellow Star* (1982)
- 39 To see him [Stephen Spender] fumbling with our rich and delicate language is to experience all the horror of seeing a Sèvres vase in the hands of a chimpanzee.  
 ▪ **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist: in *The Tablet* 5 May 1951
- 40 A magnificent but painful hippopotamus resolved at any cost, even at the cost of its dignity, upon picking up a pea which has got into a corner of its den.  
*of Henry James*  
 ▪ **H. G. Wells** 1866–1946 English novelist: *Boon* (1915) ch. 4
- 41 Mr. [Henry] James writes fiction as if it were a painful duty.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: 'The Decay of Lying' (1891)
- 42 Meredith! Who can define him? His style is chaos illuminated by flashes of lightning. As a writer he has mastered everything except language: as a novelist he can do everything except tell a story. As an artist he is everything, except articulate.  
 ▪ **Oscar Wilde** 1854–1900 Irish dramatist and poet: 'The Decay of Lying' (1891)
- 43 I know no person so perfectly disagreeable and even dangerous as an author.  
 ▪ **William IV** 1765–1837 British king: Philip Ziegler *King William IV* (1971)
- 44 She is so odd a blend of Little Nell and Lady Macbeth.  
*of Dorothy Parker*  
 ▪ **Alexander Woollcott** 1887–1943 American writer: *While Rome Burns* (1934)



# Writing

see also **BOOKS, LITERATURE, POETRY, POETS, READING, WRITERS**

As to the Adjective: when in doubt, strike it out. **Mark Twain**

- 1 After being turned down by numerous publishers, he had decided to write for posterity.
  - **George Ade** 1866–1944 American humorist and dramatist: *Fables in Slang* (1900)
- 2 He writes so well, he makes me feel like putting my quill back in my goose.
  - **Fred Allen** 1894–1956 American humorist: attributed, Fred Metcalf *Penguin Dictionary of Modern Humorous Quotations* (2001)
- 3 If you can't annoy somebody with what you write, I think there's little point in writing.
  - **Kingsley Amis** 1922–95 English novelist and poet: in *Radio Times* 1 May 1971
- 4 The biggest obstacle to professional writing is the necessity for changing a typewriter ribbon.
  - **Robert Benchley** 1889–1945 American humorist: *Chips off the old Benchley* (1949)
- 5 Authors with a mortgage never get writer's block.
  - **Mavis Cheek** 1948– English novelist: in *Bookseller* 19 September 2003
- 6 A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author.
  - **G. K. Chesterton** 1874–1936 English essayist, novelist, and poet: *Heretics* (1905)
- 7 He who writes badly thinks badly.
  - **William Cobbett** 1762–1835 English political reformer: *A Grammar of the English Language* (1818)
- 8 Writing a novel is like driving a car at night. You can see only as far as your headlights, but you can make the whole trip that way.
  - **E. L. Doctorow** 1931– American novelist: in *Vanity Fair* 1989
- 9 I suppose most editors are failed writers—but so are most writers.
  - **T. S. Eliot** 1888–1965 Anglo-American poet, critic, and dramatist: to Robert Giroux in conversation in 1948; Robert Giroux *The Education of an Editor* (1982)
- 10 You just have to work with what God sends, and if God doesn't seem to understand the concept of commercial success, then that's your bad luck.
  - **Michael Frayn** 1933– English writer: in *Sunday Times* 3 February 2002
- 11 to Edward Gibbon, author of *The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*: Another damned, thick, square book! Always scribble, scribble, scribble! Eh! Mr Gibbon?
  - **Duke of Gloucester** 1743–1805: Henry Best *Personal and Literary Memorials* (1829); also attributed to the Duke of Cumberland and King George III
- 12 explaining why he wrote opinions while standing: Nothing conduces to brevity like a caving in of the knees.
  - **Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.** 1841–1935 American lawyer: Catherine Drinker Bowen *Yankee from Olympus* (1944); attributed
- 13 Read over your compositions, and where ever you meet with a passage which you think is particularly fine, strike it out.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: quoting a college tutor; James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 30 April 1773
- 14 No man but a blockhead ever wrote, except for money.
  - **Samuel Johnson** 1709–84 English poet, critic, and lexicographer: James Boswell *Life of Samuel Johnson* (1791) 5 April 1776



- 15 'The cat sat on the mat' is not a story.  
'The cat sat on the dog's mat' is a story.  
▪ **John le Carré** 1931– English thriller writer:  
in *New York Times* 25 September 1977
- 16 If you want to get rich from writing,  
write the sort of thing that's read by  
persons who move their lips when  
reading.  
▪ **Don Marquis** 1878–1937 American poet  
and journalist: attributed; Peter Kemp (ed.)  
*Oxford Dictionary of Literary Quotations*  
(1997)
- 17 The art of writing, like the art of love,  
runs all the way from a kind of routine  
hard to distinguish from piling bricks  
to a kind of frenzy closely related to  
delirium tremens.  
▪ **H. L. Mencken** 1880–1956 American  
journalist and literary critic: *Minority Report*  
(1956)
- 18 If you steal from one author, it's  
plagiarism; if you steal from many,  
it's research.  
▪ **Wilson Mizner** 1876–1933 American  
dramatist: Alva Johnston *The Legendary  
Mizners* (1953)
- 19 Anybody who can write home for  
money can write for the magazines.  
▪ **Wilson Mizner** 1876–1933 American  
dramatist: Alva Johnston *The Legendary  
Mizners* (1953)
- 20 I'm glad you'll write,  
You'll furnish paper when I shite.  
▪ **Lady Mary Wortley Montagu** 1689–1762  
English writer: 'Reasons that Induced Dr S—  
to write a Poem called the Lady's Dressing  
Room'
- 21 It is our national joy to mistake for the  
first-rate, the fecund rate.  
▪ **Dorothy Parker** 1893–1967 American critic  
and humorist: review of Sinclair Lewis  
*Dodsworth*; in *New Yorker* 16 March 1929
- 22 As to the Adjective: when in doubt,  
strike it out.  
▪ **Mark Twain** 1835–1910 American writer:  
*Pudd'nhead Wilson* (1894)
- 23 Anyone could write a novel given six  
weeks, pen, paper, and no telephone  
or wife.  
▪ **Evelyn Waugh** 1903–66 English novelist:  
*Chips Channon* diary 16 December 1934

# Youth

see also **CHILDREN, MIDDLE AGE, OLD AGE**

The only way to stay young is to avoid old people. **James D. Watson**

- 1 It is better to waste one's youth than to  
do nothing with it at all.  
▪ **Georges Courteline** 1858–1929 French  
writer and dramatist: *La Philosophie de  
Georges Courteline* (1948)
- 2 Everybody my age should be issued  
with a 2lb fresh salmon. If you see  
someone young, beautiful and happy,  
you should slap them as hard as you can  
with it.  
▪ **Richard Griffiths** 1947–2013 English actor: in  
*Independent* 11 October 2006
- 3 Remember that as a teenager you are at  
the last stage in your life when you will be  
happy to hear that the phone is for you.  
▪ **Fran Lebowitz** 1946– American writer:  
*Social Studies* (1981)
- 4 The invention of the teenager was a  
mistake. Once you identify a period of  
life in which people get to stay out late  
but don't have to pay taxes—naturally  
no one wants to live any other way.  
▪ **Judith Martin** 1938– American journalist:  
attributed
- 5 Youth is wasted on the young. I'm 52 now  
and I just can't stay up all night like I did.  
▪ **Camille Paglia** 1947– American writer and  
critic: interview in *Sunday Times* 6 June 1999



- 6 It's all that the young can do for the old, to shock them and keep them up to date.
  - **George Bernard Shaw** 1856-1950 Irish dramatist: *Fanny's First Play* (1914) 'Induction'
- 7 What music is more enchanting than the voices of young people, when you can't hear what they say?
  - **Logan Pearsall Smith** 1865-1946 American-born man of letters: *Afterthoughts* (1931)
- 8 The only way to stay young is to avoid old people.
  - **James D. Watson** 1928- American biologist: in *Times* 9 March 2002
- 9 Being young is not having any money; being young is not minding not having any money.
  - **Katharine Whitehorn** 1928- English journalist: *Observations* (1970)
- 10 I have been in a youth hostel. I know what they're like. You are put in a kitchen with seventeen venture scouts with behavioural difficulties and made to wash swedes.
  - **Victoria Wood** 1953- British writer and comedienne: *Mens Sana in Thingummy Doodah* (1990)



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<b>accordion</b> play the a., but doesn't	CHARACTER 1	than one German a.	LANGUAGES 22
<b>accountancy</b> a.: A profession whose idea	OFFICE LIFE 1	<b>administrative</b> a. won't	BUREAUCRACY 11
	BUSINESS 9	<b>admiral</b> doorman but a rear a.	TRANSPORT 2
<b>accountants</b> a. are comedians	BUSINESS 12	<b>admire</b> cannot possibly a. them	POVERTY 10
A. are the witch-doctors	ENEMIES 2	<b>admiring</b> a. a nauseating picture	ART 35
<b>accumulate</b> enemies a.	NEWSPAPERS 38	<b>admit</b> never a. it	AGE 9
<b>accuracy</b> A. to a newspaper	LANGUAGE 11	people a. to murder	BORES 11
<b>accurately</b> a. to the end	CRIME 22	wrong, a. it	HUSBANDS 24
<b>accused</b> a. is a	ACTORS 14	<b>adorable</b> a. pancreas	BEAUTY 5
<b>ace</b> play the a.	LANGUAGE 13	nauseatingly a.	ACTORS 29
<b>Achilles</b> A. heel which has bitten us	MORALITY 2	<b>adore</b> a. those sort of people	MANNERS 24
<b>acid</b> Throwing a. is wrong	FRIENDS 4	<b>ads</b> watched the a.	EPITAPHS 19
<b>acquaintance</b> definition of an a.	MEN AND WOMEN 10	<b>adult</b> average, healthy, well-adjusted a.	SICKNESS 9
first an a.	GARDENS 1	<b>adulterers</b> I see some a. down there	HYPOCRISY 5
<b>acres</b> few a. of woodland	GOVERNMENT 11	<b>adulterous</b> would be a.	OFFICE LIFE 2
<b>act</b> any A. of Parliament	FILM STARS 1	<b>adultery</b> common as a.	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 4
Can't a.	ACTORS 15	Do not a. commit	SEX 30
can't a. in any	FILM STARS 7	gallantry, and gods a.	SEX 27
doesn't so much a.		it's still a.	SEX 70



**adults** only between consenting a.

**advantage** A. rarely comes of it

great a. to a President

take a mean a.

undertaking of Great A.

**adventure** egg is always an a.

**adversary** mine a. had written

**advertise** eat what I a.

Never get tight, and—a.

**advertisement** one effective a.

**advertisements** real estate a.

**advertisers** a. don't object to

**advertising** A. is the rattling

A. may be described

represented in the a.

**advice** gave herself very good a.

want a piece of a.

**advise** STREETS FLOODED. PLEASE A.

**advises** It's my old girl that a.

**affair** a. between Margot Asquith

just a small family a.

**afford** all the things I couldn't a.

Can't a. them, Governor

when he can't a. it

**afraid** a. to die

a. to look bourgeois

**African** A. Primates Meeting

**after** A. you, Claude

**afternoon** make love in the a.

nothing to do in the a.

right in the course of an a.

three o'clock in the a.

**Aga** Lager, A., Saga

**against** always vote a.

life is 6 to 5 a.

**agapanthus** Beware of the a.

**age** A. before Beauty

correctly guesses a woman's a.

lie about his a.

Mozart was my a.

not going to make a. an issue

reached the a. to write

slam the door in the face of a.

talk turns to a.

Thirty-five is a very attractive a.

What a. are you going to put

whatever a. she is

woman subtracts from her a.

woman telling her true a.

woman who tells her real a.

Work does a. you so

**agenda** a. will be in inverse proportion

**agent** a. to a publisher

ashes thrown in his a.'s face

good estate a.

**agents** and west by a.

**agglomerated** your a. lucubrations

**agnostic** I have been an a.

You are not an a.

**agony** a. is abated

it was a., Ivy

someone's screaming in a.

**agree** I entirely a.

SEX 71

SEX 30

PRESIDENTS 9

APOLOGY 7

SECRECY 1

FOOD 65

BOOKS 3

DRINK 12

BUSINESS 2

ADVERTISING 4

AUTOBIOGRAPHY 6

NEWSPAPERS 40

ADVERTISING 8

ADVERTISING 5

MARRIAGE 42

ADVICE 5

MOTHERS 1

TELEGRAMS 3

WIVES 5

INSULTS 37

WEDDINGS 12

CHILDREN 10

MORALITY 16

BETTING 11

DEATH 1

CLASS 22

WIT 52

COMEDY ROUTINES 1

FRANCE 1

THEATRE 3

WOMEN 15

IDLENESS 6

AGE 12

DEMOCRACY 4

BETTING 9

NATURE 17

COMEBACKS 9

MEN 4

HUMOUR 11

SUCCESS 15

OLD AGE 26

AUTOBIOGRAPHY 11

OLD AGE 10

MIDDLE AGE 4

MIDDLE AGE 13

BUREAUCRACY 12

FAME 5

AGE 5

AGE 14

AGE 22

WORK 9

TIME 15

PUBLISHING 10

HOLLYWOOD 20

HOME 11

HOLLYWOOD 5

PRAISE 6

GOD 11

RELIGION 43

MANNERS 19

COMEDY ROUTINES 8

LANGUAGES 13

TAXES 5

man who likes to argue—a.

**agreeable** idea of an a. person

**agreement** public a. among doctors

Too much a.

**agrees** person who a. with me

**ahead** a. in this world

**air** a. that had seen life

during the a. raids

when the a. was clean

**airline** A. travel is hours of boredom

**airplanes** feel about a.

**airport** a. for bringing you down to earth

observing a. layouts

**aisle** A.. Altar. Hymn

stop on his way down the a.

**alarm** whether you set the a.

**Alaska** resembled a Baked A.

**Albert** A. must have married

take a message to A.

**albino** a. curate

**alcohol** A....enables Parliament

I gave up women and a.

taken more out of a.

To a.! The cause

**alcoholic** A. and a racist

drink every known a. drink

**alcoholism** arrogance, a. and adultery

**ale** no more cakes and a.

**alert** I'll a. the media

**algebra** a.. That's like sums with letters

no such thing as a.

**Alice** or control A.

Pass the sick bag, A.

**alien** I'll be damned if I'm an a.

**alike** do everything a.

**alive** if I am a.

lucky if he gets out of it a.

no longer a.

not dead but a.

Not while I'm a. he ain't

think nobody cares if you're a.

To keep my love a.

**all** a. go together

**allegory** headstrong as an a.

**allergic** every bugger's a. to peanuts

**allergies** provide the a.

**all-round** a. man

**almighty** Even the A. took seven

relieves the A.

thinks he's God A.

**alone** sleeps a. at last

that he is a.

**altar** Aisle. A.. Hymn

high a. on the move

sacrifices were made at the a.

**alter** People don't a. history

**alternative** a. were immortality

**always** he a. let you down

**amateur** a. is a man who can't

**amateurs** that afflicts a.

**amazed** You are a.

**ambassador** a. is an honest man

ANGER 14

ANGER 7

MEDICINE 30

CONVERSATION 7

ANGER 7

LAW 16

TOWNS 25

MISTAKES 5

AGE 3

FLYING 1

FLYING 4

FLYING 2

HEAVEN 4

WEDDINGS 7

PEOPLE 30

TIME 14

DESCRIPTION 11

ACTORS 12

LAST WORDS 4

FRIENDS 17

DRINK 43

SICKNESS 5

DRINK 9

DRINK 22

ACTORS 3

DRINK 35

MEMBERS 6

MORALITY 14

FAME 15

EDUCATION 13

EDUCATION 8

PRESIDENTS 23

COMEDY ROUTINES 32

ROYALTY 20

FAMILY 10

DEATH 28

LIFE 11

DEATH 12

GOD 5

POLITICIANS 7

HOPE 11

MURDER 4

COUNTRIES 19

WIT 44

FOOD 21

GOD 26

ART 5

POLITICS 11

ENGLAND 3

PEOPLE 14

EPITAPHS 5

ENGLAND 19

WEDDINGS 7

DESCRIPTION 5

WEDDINGS 10

HISTORY 12

DEATH 53

PEOPLE 21

WORK 2

ART 7

WIT 55

DIPLOMACY 17



<b>ambition</b> equal to men lack a. nice girl's a.	FEMINISM 1	<b>annoyance</b> a. of a good example	CHARACTER 19
<b>ambitious</b> less a. project	AMBITION 1	<b>annoying</b> they dress to be a.	FASHION 19
<b>ambivalence</b> definition of a.	GOD 5	<b>annuals</b> a. are the ones	GARDENS 9
<b>ambulances</b> a. at the bottom	WORDS 15	<b>answer</b> a. come out right	COMPUTERS 3
<b>America</b> A. was thus	SPORTS 6	believe that men were the a.	MEN 5
come back to A.	HISTORY 15	get up to a. the telephone	MANNERS 4
England and A.	AMERICA 10	little English in that a.	LANGUAGE 10
In A., they haven't used	COUNTRIES 25	love is the a.	LOVE 29
like to be in A.	LANGUAGES 11	they need no a.	LETTERS 3
what makes A.	AMERICA 16	thought of the a.	FILM PRODUCERS 9
youth of A.	AMERICA 17	<b>answering</b> a. you in French	FRANCE 9
<b>American</b> A. diplomacy	AMERICA 23	call my a. machine and sing	UNINTENDED 16
A. girls do have regrets	DIPLOMACY 3	habit of a. letters	LETTERS 13
A. joke	AMERICA 19	<b>answers</b> can only give you a.	COMPUTERS 11
bad news to the A. people	HUMOUR 23	give the wrong a.	ANIMALS 5
pay for my A. Express	PRESIDENTS 14	<b>anthologies</b> employ to compile a.	QUOTATIONS 6
play A. music	ADVERTISING 10	<b>anthology</b> a. is like all the plums	QUOTATIONS 10
<b>Americans</b> A. are benevolently ignorant	COUNTRIES 6	<b>Anthony</b> A. will make the speech	PRIME MINISTERS 12
A. will show up	CANADA 3	<b>anthrax</b> a. bacillus	HUMAN RACE 7
bad A. die	AMERICA 15	<b>anthropology</b> familiar facts of a.	FAMILY LIFE 4
is concerned, the A.	AMERICA 22	<b>anticlimax</b> kind of a.	FILM 11
Never criticize A.	AMERICA 2	<b>anti-pasto</b> pro-sciutto and a.	WIT 23
one out of every four A.	AMERICA 11	<b>ants</b> social organization of a.	INSULTS 11
teaching A. geography	MENTAL HEALTH 2	<b>anxious</b> a. to tell the truth	TRUTH 4
To A., English manners	WAR 3	knew what I was so a. about	MIND 8
<b>amphibian</b> no a. is harmed	MANNERS 13	<b>anybody</b> no one's a.	CLASS 11
<b>amuse</b> their ability to a. us	FOOD 33	<b>anything</b> enough to do a.	WEALTH 4
<b>anatomist</b> bad a.	FRIENDS 18	Is there a. they <i>can't</i> do	FOOD 26
<b>anatomy</b> before he has studied a.	LAST WORDS 17	<b>anywhere</b> get a. in a marriage	MARRIAGE 53
portions of the human a.	MARRIAGE 7	it doesn't go a.	GOVERNMENT 22
<b>ancestor</b> I am an a.	DANCE 4	<b>apart</b> be said to be living a.	MONEY 31
<b>ancestry</b> trace my a. back	ARISTOCRACY 6	You mean a. from my own	HUSBANDS 19
<b>anecdote</b> fell into his a.	ARISTOCRACY 3	<b>apartment</b> in the next a.	ANGER 15
<b>angel</b> a. in order to be a saint	AGE 6	<b>apathy</b> stirring up a.	POLITICAL PARTIES 14
<b>angels</b> walk behind the a.	CHARACTER 17	<b>apologize</b> forgotten to insult, I a.	INSULTS 7
<b>anger</b> A. makes dull men witty	ROYALTY 16	never to a.	APOLOGY 7
Depression is merely a. without	ANGER 2	<b>apologizes</b> a. to the truck	ENGLAND 26
designed to evoke incomprehension, a.	DEPRESSION 5	<b>apologizing</b> a. for our families	FRIENDS 10
<b>angles</b> shows up new a.	ART 21	<b>apology</b> a. for the Devil	BIBLE 1
<b>Anglicans</b> worshipped by A.	WOMEN 42	God's a. for relations	FRIENDS 9
<b>angling</b> 'a.' is the name given	RELIGION 45	<b>apostles</b> A. would have done	RELIGION 16
a. or float fishing	FISHING 5	<b>apostrophe</b> Aberrant A.	LANGUAGE 20
<b>Anglo-Irishman</b> He was an A.	FISHING 4	<b>appearance</b> my external a.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 10
<b>angry</b> always a. when I'm dying	IRELAND 1	<b>appearing</b> Television is for a. on	TELEVISION 7
when you get a.	LAST WORDS 10	<b>appendix</b> Like an a.	CENSORSHIP 4
<b>animal</b> a. husbandry	ANGER 13	<b>appetite</b> a. for lunch	FUNERALS 5
Man is the Only A.	SEX 48	satisfying a voracious a.	LOVE 13
<b>animals</b> A., I hope	HUMAN RACE 12	<b>applause</b> A. is a receipt	MUSIC 42
All a. are equal	SPORTS 32	<b>apple</b> greedy boy takes a. pie	CRITICS 26
distinguishes man from a.	DEMOCRACY 11	since Eve gave Adam the a.	GIFTS 6
Men are a.	MEDICINE 26	<b>apples</b> a. short of a picnic	FOOLISHNESS 8
of Music Among A.	MEN 14	<b>appointment</b> By a.: teddy bear	WRITERS 1
woollier a.	CRITICS 34	making an a.	GOVERNMENT 19
<b>animosity</b> a. towards	ART 19	<b>appreciate</b> no-one there to a. it	TIME 5
sisterly a.	ACTING 3	<b>appropriate</b> in something a.	ACTORS 24
<b>ankles</b> She had very thick a.	FAMILY 28	<b>approved</b> I a. of it	DEATH 57
<b>annihilation</b> A. of the Aberrant	MURDER 10	<b>Arabs</b> A. of means	ANIMALS 15
<b>anniversary</b> celebrated our two months a.	LANGUAGE 20	<b>archaeologist</b> marry an a.	HUSBANDS 14
your husband on your a.	RELATIONSHIPS 6	<b>archaeology</b> Industrial a.	PAST 16
<b>annoy</b> a. somebody with what you write	WEDDINGS 11	<b>archangel</b> if you were the A. Gabriel	POLITICS 34
A. 'im	WRITING 3	<b>archbishop</b> a. had come to see me	SEX 24
	GOD 7	<b>archbishops</b> get it from their a.	MORALITY 7



<b>architect</b> a. can only advise	ARCHITECTURE 15	sprinkle my a. over	DEATH 49
<b>architecture</b> like dancing about a.	MUSIC 3	<b>ask</b> a. how he is	BORES 14
<b>archness</b> suffering from fallen a.	INSULTS 1	If you still have to a.	MUSIC 5
<b>areas</b> a. do you think Middlesbrough	FOOTBALL 25	<b>asleep</b> a. on the same benches	HOUSE OF LORDS 6
<b>argue</b> man who likes to a.—agree	ANGER 14	get him a.	CHILDREN 12
<b>arguing</b> a. from different premises	ANGER 20	inquiring Justice is not a.	JUDGES 10
<b>argument</b> never won an a.	ANGER 6	<b>asparagus</b> Spode eat a.	HUMAN RACE 16
single political a. left	POLITICS 51	<b>aspersion</b> a. upon my parts of speech	WIT 41
<b>arguments</b> conduct their a. in quiet	PARENTS 11	<b>aspirates</b> couple of a.	WORDS 18
engage in a.	BASEBALL 1	<b>aspirations</b> young have a.	GENERATION GAP 6
<b>aristocracy</b> a. in a republic	ARISTOCRACY 8	<b>aspirin</b> giving him an a.	ECONOMICS 8
a. means	GOVERNMENT 3	<b>Asquith</b> affair between Margot A.	INSULTS 37
<b>aristocrat</b> A. who banks	CLASS 9	<b>assassinate</b> much cook as a. food	COOKERY 15
<b>Aristotle</b> A. maintained that women	SCIENCE 15	<b>assassinated</b> until he's a.	ACTORS 21
<b>arm</b> give my right a.	ART 4	<b>assassination</b> A. is the extreme	CENSORSHIP 15
<b>armchairs</b> wearing a.	DESCRIPTION 17	political leader worthy of a.	CANADA 7
<b>armful</b> that's very nearly an a.	MEDICINE 14	<b>assholes</b> Excuses are like a.	APOLOGY 6
<b>armpit</b> hair straight from his left a.	TRUST 5	<b>assistant</b> A. heads must roll	MANAGEMENT 1
<b>arms</b> laid down his a.	ARMED FORCES 13	<b>associate</b> a. producer	FILM PRODUCERS 19
<b>army</b> Irish Citizen A. will fight	ARMED FORCES 5	<b>assumed</b> Under an a. name	BETTING 8
I was in the a.	ARMED FORCES 15	<b>asterisks</b> a. were followed	CENSORSHIP 11
won't be a bit like the A.	PRESIDENTS 26	<b>astonishment</b> a.'s odd	GOD 6
<b>arrest</b> benign form of house a.	CHILDREN 29	<b>astrology</b> don't believe in a.	PARANORMAL 3
<b>arrested</b> he was a.	DRESS 12	make a. look respectable	ECONOMICS 16
Instead of being a.	MISTAKES 2	<b>asylum</b> in an a.	DIPLOMACY 11
<b>arresting</b> a. human intelligence	ADVERTISING 5	taken charge of the a.	CINEMA 12
<b>arrival</b> a. of your audience	SPEECHES 6	<b>asylums</b> comfortably padded lunatic a.	
<b>arrived</b> a. and to prove it	COMEDY ROUTINES 26		ARISTOCRACY 11
<b>arrogance</b> a., alcoholism and adultery	MEMBERS 6	put people in a.	ACTING 10
a., vanity and vapidty	HISTORY 17	<b>atheism</b> a., breast-feeding	CHILDREN 26
honest a. and hypocritical humility		A. is a non-prophet organization	RELIGION 18
	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 27	<b>atheist</b> a. is a man	RELIGION 13
<b>arse</b> politician is an a.	POLITICIANS 12	A. and a Vegetarian	RELIGION 58
<b>arsehole</b> from a. to breakfast-time	WRITERS 31	He was an embittered a.	RELIGION 46
<b>arses</b> Massing of A.	POLITICS 15	I am still an a.	RELIGION 14
<b>art</b> a. belongs to Dada	ART 28	remain a sound a.	CERTAINTY 10
a. needed Ruskin	ART 38	very <i>chic</i> for an a.	RELIGION 53
A. is just short for Arthur	ART 30	<b>athletes</b> All pro a. are bilingual	LANGUAGES 10
Conflict and A.	FOOTBALL 18	<b>athletic</b> only a. sport I ever mastered	SPORTS 21
E in A-level A.	ART 16	<b>athletics</b> all a. as inferior forms	SPORTS 34
enemy of good a.	ART 8	<b>Atlantic</b> cheaper to lower the A.	FILM 7
interested in a.	CINEMA 13	<b>attack</b> a. from Mars	ARMED FORCES 21
Life imitates A.	ART 47	before you can have an a.	SICKNESS 19
lowest form of a.	TELEVISION 20	<b>attacking</b> a. in another direction	WAR 23
made lying an a. form	WRITERS 37	<b>attendance</b> a. at the House	MARRIAGE 30
my boy, is an a.	ENEMIES 8	<b>attention</b> compelled one's a.	FASHION 17
old lady is a work of a.	BEAUTY 6	give their entire a. to it	HUSBANDS 9
people start on all this A.	ART 15	paid constant a.	CHILDREN 8
Treat a work of a. like	ART 32	<b>attentions</b> a. of many men	DATING 10
<b>arteries</b> as old as his a.	SICKNESS 17	<b>Attlee</b> [A. is] a modest man	PRIME MINISTERS 19
<b>arthritis</b> have a., and I don't deserve	SICKNESS 4	A. got out	PRIME MINISTERS 18
twenty again—but with a.	AGE 21	<b>attorney</b> gentleman was an a.	LAWYERS 2
<b>Arthur</b> Art is just short for A.	ART 30	rich a.'s Elderly ugly daughter	LOVE 16
Harry is called A.	NAMES 11	<b>attracted</b> a. you to millionaire	DATING 1
<b>articulate</b> when they call you a.	PREJUDICE 9	<b>attractive</b> grows increasingly a.	HUSBANDS 14
<b>artificial</b> said it was a. respiration	SEX 25	if they are a.	WOMEN 5
<b>artisan</b> employment to the a.	WORK 5	<b>audience</b> a. was a total failure	AUDIENCES 7
<b>artist</b> position for an a.	ART 40	arrival of your a.	SPEECHES 6
<b>artistic</b> a. temperament	ART 7	get out of the a.	THEATRE 10
<b>arts</b> on the lively a.	BOOKS 6	looks at the a.	MENTAL HEALTH 11
<b>ashamed</b> something he is a. of	MORALITY 15	<b>audiences</b> English-speaking a.	LANGUAGES 23
<b>ashes</b> a. thrown in his agent's face	HOLLYWOOD 20	I know two kinds of a.	AUDIENCES 6
burnt to a.	DEATH 26	<b>August</b> To recommence in A.	WEATHER 1



<b>aunt</b> A. is calling to Aunt Charley's a. have the Queen as their a. when confronted by an a.	FAMILY 39 FAMILY 31 ROYALTY 25 MEN 35	Summer b., like summer breezes	MEN 10
<b>aunts</b> bad a.	FAMILY 38	<b>back</b> b. goes out more than I do	EXERCISE 4
<b>au pair</b> let's get an a. girl	HOME 1	b. of my boat	TRANSPORT 20
<b>Australia</b> A., <i>Inter alia</i> A. is a huge rest home A.'s original inhabitants A.'s very own way emigrate to A.	AUSTRALIA 5 AUSTRALIA 1 PREJUDICE 8 BETTING 7 AUSTRALIA 4	b. to the hotel	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 12
<b>authentic</b> a. self into a letter	LETTERS 9	cast iron b., with a hinge	GARDENS 8
<b>author</b> a. was executed a. who comes to stay a. who speaks about among other things, an a. dangerous as an a. personal risk by the a. truth about its a. Wanting to know an a. because	PUBLISHING 2 WRITERS 13 WRITERS 15 WRITERS 22 WRITERS 43 MEN AND WOMEN 45 WRITING 6 WRITERS 3	come b. the same day Don't look b. saying things behind one's b. say of me behind my b. what did he go b. to	TRAVEL 19 BASEBALL 8 GOSSIP 13 SELF-KNOWLEDGE 26 TECHNOLOGY 15
<b>authority</b> Distrust of a.	GOVERNMENT 6	<b>backbone</b> b. than a chocolate	PRESIDENTS 22
<b>authors</b> A. with a mortgage towards noble a. We a., Ma'am	WRITING 5 SNOBBERY 11 PRAISE 4	<b>backgammon</b> I ever mastered was b.	SPORTS 21
<b>autobiographer</b> a. is the most	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 6	<b>backing</b> b. into the limelight	WRITERS 6
<b>autobiography</b> a. is an obituary A. is now as common Every a. you've read his a.	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 2 AUTOBIOGRAPHY 4 AUTOBIOGRAPHY 8 INSULTS 36	<b>backside</b> b. cannot endure	RELIGION 49
<b>autocrat</b> I shall be an a.	ROYALTY 7	<b>backward</b> B. ran sentences	LANGUAGE 7
<b>autograph</b> next day you're an a.	FAME 27	<b>backwards</b> b....and in high heels	MEN AND WOMEN 55
<b>automobile</b> a. changed our dress	TRANSPORT 14	knew these lines b.	ACTING 7
<b>available</b> a. men in their thirties time I've been a.	MEN 19 AWARDS 2	walking b. for Christmas	CHRISTMAS 8
<b>avalanche</b> No snowflake in an a.	MISTAKES 23	western music b.	MUSIC 49
<b>avant-garde</b> A.? That's the French	WORDS 13	<b>bacon</b> heard of a saying by B. lordships asked B.	JUDGES 13 CRIME 5
<b>average</b> a. millionaire is only	WEALTH 17	<b>bacteria</b> Desks are really b. cafeterias	TECHNOLOGY 8
<b>aversion</b> begin with a little a. closely bordering on a.	MARRIAGE 66 INSULTS 50	<b>bad</b> Aren't things b. enough already babies can't be all b. b. as the play was b. aunts b. men did things to you b. poetry springs from b. times just around b. unhappily entitled his album B. so many shocking b. hats Some of them are b. strangle b. persons thinks all women are b. when I'm b., I'm better	JUDGES 1 ACTORS 28 ACTORS 30 FAMILY 38 MEN 1 POETRY 19 HOPE 2 BOOKS 29 INSULTS 2 MEMBERS 11 SELF-KNOWLEDGE 8 MURDER 6 OPTIMISM 2 VIRTUE 18
<b>avoid</b> a. is being a bore to oneself a. old people A. running	BORES 2 YOUTH 8 EXERCISE 9	<b>badger</b> not to b. buggers	ANIMALS 4
<b>awake</b> a. thinking it was the food	CRITICS 23	<b>badminton</b> little stiff from b.	SPORTS 1
<b>award</b> don't deserve this a.	SICKNESS 4	<b>bagging</b> sagging, dragging or b.	BODY 22
<b>away</b> WHEN I'M A. admirable point to get a. from	PRIME MINISTERS 9 TOWNS 16	<b>bailing</b> good friend will be b. you out	FRIENDS 1
<b>awful</b> children more a. than your own	CHILDREN 34	<b>baked</b> resembled a B. Alaska	DESCRIPTION 11
<b>axe</b> Lizzie Borden took an a.	MURDER 1	<b>balancing</b> B. the budget	ECONOMICS 9
<b>axes</b> no a. are being ground	CENSORSHIP 3	<b>bald</b> advantage of being b. pot belly and a b. spot Slightly b.	APPEARANCE 12 MEN AND WOMEN 8 FILM STARS 1
<b>babe</b> b. with a cry	MISTAKES 15	<b>baldness</b> far side of b.	GENERATION GAP 8
<b>babies</b> hates dogs and b. men had to have b. Other people's b.	ACTORS 28 BIRTH 2 WOMEN 19	<b>Baldwin</b> B. denouncing sanctions	CERTAINTY 3
<b>baby</b> b. is like getting a tattoo B.'s cries grew hard to bear Batman doesn't want a b. Having a b. interval by a b. looking after a b. when he's a b.	BIRTH 3 CHILDREN 14 FEMINISM 9 BIRTH 6 CENSORSHIP 11 CHILDREN 29 MEN AND WOMEN 62	<b>Balham</b> Lies B.	PUNS 6
<b>Bach</b> Now B. is decomposing play B. your way	MUSICIANS 10 MUSIC 26	<b>ball</b> b. that kicks back business of a b. eye for the b. give the b. to George history of a b. Hunt B. was cancelled men chase a b. for 90 minutes only one b. Take me out to the b. game tapping a b. with a piece of wood unsportsmanlike to hit a sitting b.	FOOTBALL 16 MANNERS 23 CRICKET 8 FOOTBALL 2 WAR 26 GOD 24 FOOTBALL 13 FOOTBALL 1 BASEBALL 7 BASEBALL 4 GOLF 6
<b>bachelors</b> b. love dogs	CHILDREN 25	<b>ballet</b> b. in the evening at the Russian b.	COUNTRIES 17 HANDWRITING 1
		<b>ball-point</b> gave her a b.	DIPLOMACY 14



<b>balls</b> b. look like	FACES 10	I test my b. before I sit	SATISFACTION 5
first-class tennis with imaginary b.	BRITISH 4	soaking in a hot b.	BUSINESS 3
<b>ban</b> recommend they b. it	CENSORSHIP 6	stepping from his b.	PRIME MINISTERS 21
<b>banana</b> God made the b.	FOOD 39	<b>bathing</b> photographed in a b. suit	POLITICS 20
I am a b.	LAW 12	surprised when b.	DESCRIPTION 7
<b>bananas</b> someone to produce b.	WIT 52	<b>bathroom</b> as he goes to the b.	CLERGY 2
<b>band</b> best drummer in the b.	MUSICIANS 13	Castro couldn't even go to the b.	POWER 6
what the B. has just played	MUSIC 18	have to go the b.	CATS 1
Yes, the b.	FOOTBALL 8	how to go to the b. in	DRESS 16
<b>bands</b> pursue Culture in b.	ART 42	<b>bathrooms</b> bit like tiling b.	LIES 6
<b>bang</b> standing there, going 'B.'	MURDER 7	<b>baths</b> five 'b.' on Christmas Day	CHRISTMAS 4
<b>bank</b> b. is a place	MONEY 23	Noble deeds and hot b.	DEPRESSION 3
b. is a place where they lend you	MONEY 16	<b>bathtub</b> drown it in the b.	GOVERNMENT 20
robbing a b.	CRIME 7	<b>Batman</b> B. doesn't want a baby	FEMINISM 9
<b>banker</b> as a Scotch b.	CANADA 5	<b>batsman</b> b.'s Holding	NAMES 12
<b>banks</b> b. went bust	ECONOMICS 10	<b>battle</b> history of a b.	WAR 26
<b>banquet</b> Judging from the b.	THEATRE 32	<b>battlefield</b> rent on the b.	WAR 15
Life is a b.	LIFE 12	<b>bayonets</b> than a thousand b.	NEWSPAPERS 30
<b>Banquo</b> unnerved by B.'s valet	ACTORS 4	<b>BBC</b> goad the B.	TELEVISION 10
<b>baptismal</b> water b.	MISTAKES 15	<b>beach</b> lie on the b.	FRANCE 14
<b>Baptists</b> B. are only funny	RELIGION 59	<b>beak</b> takes in his b.	ANIMALS 18
<b>bar</b> they meet at the b.	WORK 6	<b>bean</b> Boston, the home of the b.	SNOBBERY 6
wrong b. or bed	MISTAKES 7	<b>bear</b> b., however hard he tries	EXERCISE 7
<b>barb</b> b. that makes it stick	WIT 45	b. led by a man	WRITERS 7
<b>barbed</b> like a b. wire fence	DRESS 10	<b>beast</b> he is a dirty little b.	INSULTS 20
<b>Barbie</b> Ken and B.	PARTIES 18	<b>beastly</b> b. game played by gentlemen	SPORTS 5
<b>Barbirolli</b> wrath of Sir John B.	MUSICIANS 2	b. to the Germans	COUNTRIES 8
<b>barged</b> b. down the Nile	ACTORS 5	<b>beat</b> guys I'd like to b. up	BODY 20
<b>bark</b> eloquently he may b.	LANGUAGE 17	<b>beatitudes</b> British B.	BRITISH 6
heard a seal b.	CERTAINTY 15	<b>Beatles</b> B.' first L.P.	SEX 47
<b>barking</b> b. up the wrong tree	CRITICS 18	like the B. coming together	COUNTRIES 13
<b>Barkis</b> B. is willin'	LOVE 9	<b>beats</b> If anyone b. it	CRICKET 14
<b>bar-mitzvah</b> idea for a b.	HOLLYWOOD 13	<b>beaut</b> it's a b.	MISTAKES 22
<b>baronet</b> halfmad b.	PRIME MINISTERS 11	<b>beautiful</b> All God's children are not b.	HUMAN RACE 5
<b>Baronetage</b> any book but the B.	SNOBBERY 2	b. old lady is a work	BEAUTY 6
<b>baronetcy</b> awarded a b.	AWARDS 9	better to be b.	BEAUTY 9
<b>barracuda</b> Man he eat the b.	CLASS 12	<b>beauty</b> b. being only skin-deep	BEAUTY 5
<b>Barrie</b> Sir James B.'s cans	WRITERS 21	b. is only sin deep	BEAUTY 7
<b>barrister</b> sliding down a b.	INSULTS 38	If b. is truth	BEAUTY 8
<b>bars</b> parallel b.	EXERCISE 12	rather have b. than brains	MEN AND WOMEN 1
research in b.	NEWSPAPERS 31	<b>Beaverbrook</b> B. is so pleased	POLITICIANS 4
<b>baseball</b> b. in Italian	OPERA 5	existence of Lord B.	NEWSPAPERS 43
b. on valium	CRICKET 18	<b>bed</b> b. fell on my father	FAMILY 32
B. is very big	BASEBALL 5	and a good b.	ADVICE 8
<b>Basingstoke</b> hidden meaning—like B.	WORDS 8	And so to b.	SLEEP 4
<b>basket</b> eggs in one b.	BUSINESS 23	fell out of b.	DATING 3
<b>Basque</b> to master than B.	LANGUAGES 3	I go to b. early	SLEEP 8
<b>bass</b> dressing up as a sea b.	FAME 24	in b. at the same time	SEX 61
<b>bastard</b> all my eggs in one b.	PUNS 9	Never go to b. mad	RELATIONSHIPS 5
alternatives to 'b.'	CENSORSHIP 1	obliged to go to b.	PARENTS 7
Happy as a b.	HAPPINESS 1	Only about thirteen in a b.	SEX 32
we knocked the b. off	SUCCESS 11	quick dip in b.	SICKNESS 18
<b>bastards</b> b. by birth instead	POLITICIANS 36	should of stood in b.	BASEBALL 6
spoke—the b.	POLITICS 53	sinner are still in b.	RELIGION 52
<b>bat</b> see Dr Grace b.	CRICKET 3	stay in b. all day	MISTAKES 4
shake a b. at a white man	BASEBALL 5	what she wore in b.	DRESS 13
<b>bath</b> b. every year	MANNERS 2	Who goes to b. with whom	OLD AGE 27
b. toys were a toaster	FAMILY LIFE 11	wrong bar or b.	MISTAKES 7
coal in the b.	CLASS 18	<b>bedpost</b> b. overnight	FOOD 57
Commander of the B.	WIT 4	<b>bedroom</b> French widow in every b.	HOLIDAYS 5
every morning, like a hot b.	NEWSPAPERS 25	take care of the b. bit	MARRIAGE 38
I'll take a b.	FAME 15	<b>beds</b> make the b.	HOME 16
in the b. overnight	FILM STARS 13	pushed our b. together that night	SEX 9



<b>Beecham's Pills</b> B. are just the thing	MEDICINE 5	would be b.	HUMOUR 24
<b>beef</b> comfortably filled with roast b.	RELATIONSHIPS 2	<b>Berlin</b> people of B.	TOWNS 15
Roast B., Medium	FOOD 23	<b>best</b> all your b. work go unnoticed	SECRECY 2
<b>beer</b> b. teetotaller	DRINK 42	on their b. behaviour they aren't	CHARACTER 2
b. to cry into	DRINK 33	trouble with being b. man	WEDDINGS 8
B. and Britannia	BRITISH 8	was the b. manager	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 7
B., beef, business, bibles	BRITISH 6	<b>besticles</b> testicles is b.	WIT 36
<b>beers</b> other b. cannot reach	DRINK 31	<b>best-seller</b> b. is the gilded tomb	BOOKS 20
<b>bees</b> Honey b. are amazing creatures	ANIMALS 14	<b>bet</b> b. you a hundred bucks	FUNERALS 2
<b>Beethoven</b> Anything but B.	FILM 9	that's the way to b.	BETTING 10
conducted a B. performance	MUSIC 38	<b>Betjeman</b> poems of Sir John B.	CRITICS 24
playing B. on the kazoo	LITERATURE 28	<b>better</b> b. man than I am	PREJUDICE 10
What do you think of B.	MUSICIANS 18	b. than we thought	FOOTBALL 19
where is B.	MUSIC 43	Discretion is not the b.	BIOGRAPHY 7
would like to thank B.	MUSIC 50	He is not b.	TELEGRAMS 1
<b>before</b> Haven't you run b.	UNINTENDED 11	I can do b. than that	FEMINISM 11
think I've forgotten this b.	MIND 14	Middlesbrough were b.	FOOTBALL 25
<b>begin</b> ever tell you is how to b.	HOME 25	older I get, the b. I used	MEMORY 3
should b. at home	CENSORSHIP 10	rich is b.	WEALTH 22
<b>beginner</b> She's a b.	FAME 5	Wagner's music is b.	MUSIC 35
<b>beginning</b> b., a middle	CINEMA 4	when I'm bad, I'm b.	VIRTUE 18
b., a muddle	LITERATURE 15	<b>better-class</b> b. people get it	DEPRESSION 1
<b>begot</b> were about when they b. me	PARENTS 16	<b>betting</b> keeps horse from b.	BETTING 6
<b>behave</b> b. like gentlemen	WOMEN 27	pass a b. shop	FOOTBALL 6
<b>behaviour</b> b. everywhere	COUNTRIES 24	<b>between</b> believe I am b. both	ANGER 19
mitigate b.	GOLF 4	I would try to get b. them	SEX 67
on their best b. they aren't	CHARACTER 2	something b. us	BODY 15
<b>beheaded</b> they had you b.	ROYALTY 39	<b>Beulah</b> B., peel me a grape	FOOD 63
<b>behind</b> it will be b. me	COMEBACKS 11	<b>Beverly Hills</b> in B. grows old	OLD AGE 21
no bosom and no b.	ENGLAND 36	<b>beware</b> B. of men bearing	GIFTS 7
travel broadens the b.	TRAVEL 13	B. of the agapanthus	NATURE 17
walk b. the angels	ROYALTY 16	<b>bewildered</b> bothered and b.	MEN AND WOMEN 21
<b>beige</b> just my colour: it's b.	COLOURS 5	<b>bewitched</b> B., bothered	MEN AND WOMEN 21
<b>Belgium</b> must be B.	TRAVEL 27	<b>Bexhill</b> buried quickly at B.	FUNERALS 3
<b>Belgrave</b> beat in B. Square	ARISTOCRACY 4	<b>bible</b> kissed oftener than a police-court B.	INSULTS 14
<b>believe</b> b. all you read	NEWSPAPERS 24	we had the B.	RELIGION 63
b. I am between both	ANGER 19	<b>bickering</b> time for senseless b.	ANGER 5
don't b. in God	GOD 20	<b>bicycle</b> between a b. accident	NEWSPAPERS 37
don't b. in it	CERTAINTY 6	cannot even use a b.	COMPUTERS 6
I cannot quite b. in God	RELIGION 30	fish needs a b.	WOMEN 10
I don't b. it	COMEDY ROUTINES 30	king rides a b.	COUNTRIES 2
If you b. that	PEOPLE 28	knight on a shining b.	PEOPLE 3
males will b. anything	PRAISE 9	Life is like riding a b.	LIFE 14
who you gonna b.	CERTAINTY 9	so is a b. repair kit	MARRIAGE 24
<b>believed</b> b. of any man	DRINK 49	<b>bidder</b> determined by the lowest b.	GOVERNMENT 27
<b>bell</b> Alexander Graham B. had	TECHNOLOGY 14	<b>bidet</b> b.-fixe	PUNS 4
<b>belly</b> accept a man's pot b.	FEMINISM 6	UNABLE OBTAIN B.	TELEGRAMS 19
pot b. and a bald spot	MEN AND WOMEN 8	keep it in the b.	CLASS 18
<b>belly-tension</b> b. between a man	MARRIAGE 37	<b>biennials</b> b. are the ones	GARDENS 9
<b>below</b> belt without hitting b. it	PRIME MINISTERS 3	<b>big</b> I am b.	FILM STARS 3
<b>belt</b> b. without hitting below it	PRIME MINISTERS 3	it's b. of me, too	WIT 26
<b>belted</b> b. you and flayed you	PREJUDICE 10	New York is b.	TOWNS 2
<b>Ben</b> Loved B., hated Hur	CRITICS 13	too b. for them	PRIME MINISTERS 10
<b>bench</b> he fancied he was on the b.	JUDGES 11	<b>bigamy</b> B. is having one husband	HUSBANDS 4
<b>benches</b> asleep on the same b.	HOUSE OF LORDS 6	b., Sir, is a crime	WIVES 12
<b>bend</b> he can b. spoons	PARANORMAL 8	maximum punishment for b.	MARRIAGE 61
<b>beneath</b> married b. him	ACTORS 12	That's b.	WIT 26
<b>benign</b> b. form of house arrest	CHILDREN 29	<b>Biggar</b> this is B.	TOWNS 2
It's b.	WORDS 1	<b>bikers</b> one-word nickname for b.	MEDICINE 13
<b>Benn</b> B. grabs child	HEADLINES 8	<b>bikini</b> decided to get a b. wax	POLITICIANS 31
<b>bent</b> b. her contraceptive	LAW 7	not having worn a b.	BODY 12
<b>bereaved</b> four B. Duchesses	ARISTOCRACY 1	Statistics are like a b.	STATISTICS 4
		<b>bilingual</b> All pro athletes are b.	LANGUAGES 10



<b>bill</b> so far down the b. very large b.	FAME 8 DEBT 8	manager gets the b.	FOOTBALL 12
<b>billboard</b> b. lovely as a tree	ADVERTISING 6	<b>blameless</b> led b. lives	LAW 3
<b>bills</b> I have the b. to prove it two things about b.	MEN AND WOMEN 30 DEBT 5	<b>bleeding</b> instead of b., he sings What's the b. time	OPERA 4
<b>Billy</b> poke poor B.	DEATH 26	<b>blessed</b> B. are the cheesemakers more b. to give than to receive	MEDICINE 16 RELIGION 19
<b>bin-liner</b> b. full of yoghurt	BODY 14	<b>blind</b> b. composer deaf man to a b. woman	BOXING 7 FILM 9
<b>biographical</b> b. friend	BIOGRAPHY 8	dust on a Venetian b. Shakespeare Sonnets to the b.	MARRIAGE 19 CRITICS 10
<b>biography</b> B. is about chaps B. is the mesh B., like big game hunting B. should be written better part of b. writes the b.	BIOGRAPHY 2 BIOGRAPHY 6 BIOGRAPHY 3 BIOGRAPHY 1 BIOGRAPHY 7 BIOGRAPHY 9 ENGLAND 30 SEX 71	suddenly gone b. <b>blisters</b> they gave her b. they gave her b.	ACTORS 9 SEX 33 CHILDREN 3 FAMILY LIFE 2
<b>bipolar</b> English are b.	SEX 71	<b>block</b> never get writer's b.	WRITING 5
<b>birch</b> bringing back the b.	OLD AGE 9	<b>blockhead</b> No man but a b.	WRITING 14
<b>bird</b> dead b.	MISTAKES 20	<b>blonde</b> b. to make a bishop kick b.—with a brunette past call a 'suicide b.' know I'm not b.	APPEARANCE 8 WOMEN 38 HAIR 2
<b>birds</b> b. and the bees b. coughing in the trees b. fly about uncooked b. were trying to communicate b., wild flowers, and how the b. were to be treated one's eye for the high b.	HOLLYWOOD 8 NATURE 14 DRUGS 2 PRIME MINISTERS 5 FILM PRODUCERS 6 POLITICIANS 15 INSULTS 3	<b>blondes</b> still think b. have more fun <b>blood</b> b. and thirsty b. to appear in the water Fats Waller's b. show-business with b. wrong drop of b.	INSULTS 40 BIRTH 7 FILM 6 POLITICS 13 DRINK 11 BOXING 3 FAMILY 20
<b>Birkenhead</b> B. is very clever	TOWNS 4	<b>bloodstains</b> detergents take out b.	MODERN LIFE 11
<b>Birmingham</b> no great hopes from B.	DATING 16	<b>bloodvessel</b> name the third lateral b.	MEMORY 6
<b>biro</b> wanted a thirteen colour b.	POLITICIANS 36	<b>bloody</b> Abroad is b. blow the b. doors off finest b. fast bowler Walk! Not b. likely wipe a b. nose	TRAVEL 14 MISTAKES 21 CRICKET 15 TRANSPORT 19 ANGER 10
<b>birth</b> bastards by b. instead	BOOKS 8	<b>blooming</b> b. well dead	DEATH 51
<b>birthday</b> book as a b. present dying, or is this my b. my eighty-first b.	DEATH 7 SEX 24 MARRIAGE 54	<b>blow</b> b. the bloody doors off Men who b. themselves up otherwise you b. up	MISTAKES 21 MODERN LIFE 7 DIETS 8
<b>birthdays</b> never remembers b.	SEX 8	<b>blowing</b> all that sucking and b.	MARRIAGE 6
<b>bisexuality</b> On b.: It immediately doubles	APPEARANCE 8	<b>bludgeoning</b> b. of the people	DEMOCRACY 15
<b>bishop</b> b. kick a hole How can a b. marry sort of b. you would get	DATING 13 PEOPLE 13 CLERGY 15 CLERGY 3	<b>blue</b> B. goes with everything invented b. jeans there isn't much b.	AGE 19 FASHION 16 LITERATURE 26
<b>bishopric</b> merit for a b.	LIFE 16	<b>blues</b> b. for people who can't sing	COMEDY 6
<b>bishops</b> Don't like b.	INSULTS 8	<b>blunder</b> this b. still you find wonder At so grotesque a b.	MEN 24 MISTAKES 6
<b>bitch</b> realization that life is a b. stupid auld b. winds up with the b. Publicity	FAME 12 INSULTS 15 HUMOUR 5 ARMED FORCES 8 ANIMALS 11 MISTAKES 36 FILM 8	<b>blush</b> such large letters I b. <b>blushes</b> B., Or needs to	FAME 26 HUMAN RACE 12
<b>bitches</b> so good at playing b.	FILM PRODUCERS 5	<b>BMW</b> your chances of owning a B.	POLITICAL PARTIES 9
<b>bite</b> b. like lambs hope he will b. swift b. in passing turn and b. him in the leg	MISTAKES 28 LANGUAGE 13 CHOICE 6 NAMES 8	<b>board</b> b. of gods wasn't any B.	GOD 34 GOVERNMENT 10
<b>biting</b> b. my knuckles b. the hand don't stop b.	POLITICS 37 COLOURS 6 COMEDY ROUTINES 22 COLOURS 4 PREJUDICE 9 MODERN LIFE 6 FAME 6	<b>boasting</b> B. about modesty <b>boat</b> back of my b. Like the B. Race, in out	ENGLAND 2 TRANSPORT 20 ENGLAND 6
<b>bitten</b> Achilles heel which has b. us b. in half by a shark	COLOURS 6 CINEMA 10 POVERTY 1 MEN AND WOMEN 5	<b>body</b> age when your b. b. has gone to her head borrow his b. get rid of the rest of her b. Headless B. in Topless Bar looking for a b. my b. and your brains My b., on the move use of my b.	MIDDLE AGE 3 PEOPLE 26 BODY 20 WOMEN 39 HEADLINES 1 FILM PRODUCERS 8 MEN AND WOMEN 51 BODY 14 BODY 3
<b>Bizet</b> I prefer the B. theory		<b>Bognor</b> Bugger B.	LAST WORDS 6
<b>black</b> b. before the election blacker than b. Is it cos I is b. so long as it's b. talks good for a b. guy tall skinny b. Americano will be b. holes			
<b>blacker</b> b. than black			
<b>bladder</b> endurance of the human b.			
<b>blame</b> It's the poor wot gets the b. laid the b. on woman			



- I say bugger B. HOLIDAYS 6
- boiled** bag of b. sweets MEMBERS 5
- cold b. veal ENEMIES 5
- boiler** 10 years in a b. suit FASHION 20
- boils** unwatched pot b. immediately COOKERY 12
- boily** stand a b. boy MEN AND WOMEN 44
- bomb** b. the country next AMERICA 15
- time to put a b. under it FASHION 11
- bombs** Come, friendly b. TOWNS 5
- Our b. are incredibly smart AMERICA 3
- bones** tongs and the b. MUSIC 46
- we break b. SPORTS 22
- bonhomie** natural b. ECONOMICS 3
- bon-mots** plucking b. from QUOTATIONS 7
- bonnet** b. in Germany COUNTRIES 24
- bonus** that's a b. BODY 33
- book** b. cannot take the place CRITICS 50
- b. in breeches WRITERS 35
- b. is depicted being cut DRESS 14
- b. of my enemy WRITERS 23
- B. of Life begins BIBLE 6
- covers of this b. are too far BOOKS 4
- damned, thick, square b. WRITING 11
- get a lawyer—not a b. LAW 16
- had written a b. BOOKS 3
- He's got a b. BOOKS 8
- knows this out of the b. EDUCATION 5
- moment I picked up your b. LITERATURE 17
- no b.—it's a plaything QUOTATIONS 8
- only ever read one b. in my life LITERATURE 20
- read the b. CRITICS 27
- sent a new b. BOOKS 6
- to finish her b. INSULTS 17
- What is the use of a b. LITERATURE 5
- with a good b. HOLIDAYS 11
- without mentioning a single b. LITERATURE 24
- world needs your b. PUBLISHING 4
- written a b. BOOKS 10
- bookcase** TV is bigger than your b. CLASS 3
- books** B. are well written BOOKS 28
- b. were read DEATH 11
- do you read b. through READING 5
- If my b. had been any worse LITERATURE 6
- I hate b. BOOKS 17
- one of their b. in their room WRITERS 13
- provided with no b. BOOKS 9
- regular supply of b. LIFESTYLE 11
- respected b. LIBRARIES 7
- showed me his b. LIBRARIES 6
- so charming as b. BOOKS 21
- bookseller** he once shot a b. PUBLISHING 6
- boot** pour piss out of a b. INSULTS 26
- bootboy** b. at Claridges BOOKS 30
- boots** engine in b. PEOPLE 17
- school without any b. PRIME MINISTERS 10
- too small for its b. ENGLAND 10
- top of his b. ARMED FORCES 19
- when I take my b. off BODY 9
- world of b. SELF-KNOWLEDGE 17
- booze** fool with b. DRINK 15
- bop** 'B.' is like scrabble MUSIC 17
- bordello** doorkeeper of a b. MUSICIANS 20
- Borden** Lizzie B. took an axe MURDER 1
- bore** avoid is being a b. to oneself BORES 2
- b. is a man BORES 14
- b. people at dinner parties FAME 17
- God is a b. GOD 33
- is an old b. BORES 16
- merely a b. SOCIETY 12
- not only a b. PRIME MINISTERS 33
- Thou shalt not b. FILM PRODUCERS 20
- bored** man is b. MEN AND WOMEN 42
- boredom** b. occasioned BORES 10
- bores** destiny of b. BORES 8
- Borg** Like a Volvo, B. is rugged TENNIS 5
- Borgias** I dined last night with the B. SOCIETY 2
- boring** b. kind of guy BORES 3
- b. old Swede FILM STARS 4
- b. you fall asleep NAMES 2
- not b. you BORES 5
- Somebody's b. me BORES 15
- born** b. an Englishman ENGLAND 8
- b. in a manger BIRTH 1
- he was b. in Australia AUSTRALIA 6
- man is b. in a stable IRELAND 9
- never been b. the first time RELIGION 64
- some men are b. great HEROES 6
- That's b. into the world alive POLITICAL PARTIES 6
- born-again** b. people so often RELIGION 64
- borrow** b. his body BODY 20
- b. the money HAPPINESS 15
- well enough to b. from DEFINITIONS 1
- borrowers** to catch out b. BOOKS 13
- borrows** b. a detective story READING 6
- bosom** no b. and no behind ENGLAND 36
- boson** Higgs b. walks into a Catholic SCIENCE 3
- boss** eventually get to be a b. WORK 10
- funny man or a great b. MANAGEMENT 4
- Oh, good idea, B. WORK 12
- What about the b. OFFICE LIFE 3
- Boston** B., the home of the bean SNOBBERY 6
- botch** I make a b. TIME 9
- both** b. so much in love with him MARRIAGE 73
- friends in b. places HEAVEN 6
- bother** B. it LANGUAGE 9
- Gentle Reader, Don't b. SOCIETY 7
- I didn't b. with it LITERATURE 10
- no time to b. LETTERS 2
- bothered** Bewitched, b. MEN AND WOMEN 21
- Botticelli** B.'s a cheese FOOD 54
- If B. were alive FASHION 21
- bottle** b. just going to sit DRINK 48
- catsup b. FOOD 4
- bottles** English have hot-water b. SEX 57
- bottom** reach the b. first CHILDREN 13
- sit only on our b. SUCCESS 19
- your b. will follow DIETS 12
- bounded** b. on the north HOLLYWOOD 5
- bouquet** b. is better WINE 6
- Bourbon** Wheaties with B. DRINK 12
- bourgeois** afraid to look b. CLASS 22
- Bovril** does her hair with B. ACTORS 8
- bovvered** Am I b. COMEDY ROUTINES 2
- bow** b., ye tradesmen CLASS 10
- bowel** lower b. of music MUSIC 14
- Bowery** Late of the B. EPITAPHS 14



<b>bowl</b> not to see you b.	CRICKET 3	<b>breakfast-time</b> matrimony is b.	MARRIAGE 39
<b>bowler</b> b.'s Willey	NAMES 12	<b>breaking</b> b. it in for a friend	NAMES 15
finest bloody fast b.	CRICKET 15	<b>breasts</b> called Julia with enormous b.	MEMORY 4
<b>box</b> pianoforte is a harp in a b.	DEFINITIONS 2	wife to have bigger b.	POLITICAL PARTIES 9
<b>boxing</b> B. is show-business	BOXING 3	<b>breath</b> use your b.	DRINK 19
lead into the b. gloves	MISTAKES 35	<b>breathing</b> hear heavy b. again	EXERCISE 2
<b>box office</b> b. calls for it	ACTING 19	sensation of b.	WEATHER 9
<b>boy</b> any b. ever had	HOLLYWOOD 22	stopped b.	DEATH 38
b. as he really is	CHILDREN 20	<b>breeches</b> book in b.	WRITERS 35
Can befall a b.	MOTHERS 3	<b>breeding</b> b. of horses and dogs	FAMILY 20
fifteen-year-old b.	PARENTS 13	result of b.	WEALTH 14
He's a very naughty b.!	GOD 15	<b>brevity</b> Nothing conduces to b.	WRITING 12
in b. time that meant Thursday	ROMANCE 4	<b>bribe</b> b. or twist	NEWSPAPERS 46
I used to be a good b.	TRAVEL 31	Marriage is a b.	WIVES 15
quite a little b.	CONVERSATION 5	<b>bribes</b> b. he had taken	CRIME 5
really am a mother's b.	MOTHERS 4	<b>brick</b> threw it a b. at a time	ACTING 14
You stupid b.	COMEDY ROUTINES 49	<b>bricks</b> pile of b.	ARCHITECTURE 14
<b>boyfriend</b> didn't want a b.	DATING 16	<b>bride</b> b. at every wedding	CHARACTER 10
having no b.	DATING 6	b.'s hideous	WEDDINGS 5
<b>boyfriends</b> men already have b.	MEN AND WOMEN 3	giving the b. and groom	WEDDINGS 3
<b>boys</b> By office boys for office b.	NEWSPAPERS 34	Including the b. and groom	WEDDINGS 9
fond of children (except b.)	CHILDREN 7	<b>bridegroom</b> close as a b.	GARDENS 2
in the case of young b.	SPORTS 30	<b>bridge</b> B., because of its tendency	SPORTS 2
liked little b. too little	EDUCATION 22	double cross that b.	POLITICIANS 21
<b>bra</b> burned my b.	FEMINISM 13	If you play b. badly	SPORTS 25
<b>Bradshaw</b> trains in last year's B.	GOVERNMENT 18	not water under the b.	WIT 19
<b>brain</b> b. and his expression	HUMOUR 3	<b>brigade</b> B. of Guards	POLITICS 29
b. has oozed out	TRAVEL 17	<b>brigand</b> I am a b.	SOCIETY 11
b.? It's my second favourite	SEX 6	<b>brigands</b> b. demand your money	WOMEN 7
b. starts working the moment	SPEECHES 13	<b>brighter</b> Women are b. than men	MEN AND WOMEN 36
definition of the b.	MIND 4	<b>Brighton</b> B. looks like a town	TOWNS 31
if his b. was on fire	ENEMIES 1	<b>brilliant</b> b. at breakfast	BORES 17
If I only had a b.	INTELLIGENCE 9	b. on paper	FOOTBALL 23
leave that b. outside	MEMBERS 8	b.—to the top	ARMED FORCES 19
with b. surgeons	NEWSPAPERS 9	b. writer in the editor's chair	NEWSPAPERS 8
<b>brains</b> b. of a Minerva	ACTING 2	<b>bring</b> b. it to you, free	DEATH 3
b. to be that clever	INTELLIGENCE 5	do b. him	MANNERS 24
had to use my b.	EDUCATION 16	<b>Britannia</b> Beer and B.	BRITISH 8
his b. go to his head	INSULTS 3	<b>British</b> B. are not given	BRITISH 9
husbands having b.	HUSBANDS 32	Commander of the B. Empire	AWARDS 6
my body and your b.	MEN AND WOMEN 51	too poor to be B.	ENGLAND 21
rather have beauty than b.	MEN AND WOMEN 1	we're B.	COMEDY ROUTINES 28
<b>brake</b> invented the b.	TECHNOLOGY 16	<b>Briton</b> only a free-born B. can	SNOBBERY 20
<b>brandy</b> music is the b. of the damned	MUSIC 47	<b>Britons</b> B. were only natives	BRITISH 7
must drink b.	DRINK 26	we B. alone	BRITISH 10
<b>brave</b> going to do something b.	HEROES 2	<b>broad</b> b., where a broad should be	APPEARANCE 14
<b>Brazil</b> aunt from B.	FAMILY 31	b. mind	MIDDLE AGE 5
<b>bread</b> cutting b. and butter	MEN AND WOMEN 53	B. of Church	RELIGION 7
Garlic b.—it's the future	FOOD 32	phone, a horse or a b.	ACTORS 23
piece of b. and butter	FOOD 37	<b>broadens</b> travel b. the behind	TRAVEL 13
reinvented unsliced b.	WIT 27	travel b. the mind	TRAVEL 9
<b>break</b> sucker an even b.	BETTING 4	<b>Broadstairs</b> Good old B.	HOLIDAYS 4
those that b. down	TECHNOLOGY 3	<b>Broadway</b> sinners on this part of B.	RELIGION 52
<b>breakfast</b> b. any time	RESTAURANTS 10	<b>broccoli</b> eat any more b.	FOOD 18
b. every five minutes	OLD AGE 16	It's b.	FOOD 64
b. three times	FOOD 41	<b>broke</b> b. and alone in a bar	BETTING 2
brilliant at b.	BORES 17	<b>broken</b> b. my bloody leg	CRICKET 1
hath already committed b.	VIRTUE 13	<b>bronchial</b> my b. tubes were	MEDICINE 27
some skill to spoil a b.	FOOD 25	<b>bronze</b> preferred iron, but b. will do	PRIME MINISTERS 36
spoil your b.	CRITICS 1	<b>brother</b> let my b. take over	BOXING 1
touch my b.	FOOD 67	<b>brown</b> B. for first course	FOOD 7
<b>breakfasts</b> Continental b. are very sparse	HOLIDAYS 1		



in a b. envelope	DEBT 4	none of his b.	GOSSIP 4
never wear b.	COLOURS 3	No praying, it spoils b.	RELIGION 47
<b>Browning</b> B.'s translation	CRITICS 43	well-placed b. men	BUSINESS 27
Meredith's a prose B.	POETS 17	World of B.	BORES 8
<b>browns</b> sorry for the poor b.	COLOURS 2	<b>bust</b> banks went b.	ECONOMICS 10
<b>Bruce</b> made Adam and B.	SEX 22	dance it b. to bust	DANCE 3
<b>brunette</b> blonde—with a b. past	WOMEN 38	<b>busting</b> June is b. out	NATURE 10
<b>brush</b> B. up your Shakespeare	THEATRE 25	<b>busy</b> too b. to sit on it	MANAGEMENT 9
used as a paint b.	ART 11	<b>butler</b> 'ate you, B.	COMEDY ROUTINES 15
which end of the b.	ART 43	<b>butter</b> afraid of b., use cream	FOOD 19
worth two in the b.	HAIR 6	generous b. massage	COOKERY 8
<b>brute</b> Feed the b.	HUSBANDS 25	<b>buttered</b> on the b. side	MISTAKES 26
<b>bubble</b> like unto a b.	WOMEN 40	<b>butterflies</b> I look for b.	COOKERY 7
<b>bucket</b> kicked the b.	DEATH 4	uproar of the b.	GOLF 10
<b>buckets</b> behind with the b.	HISTORY 2	<b>buttocks</b> b. of a cook	ANIMALS 2
<b>budget</b> Balancing the b.	ECONOMICS 9	<b>button</b> top b. of my shirt undone	DRESS 8
<b>bug</b> As a b.	EPITAPHS 12	<b>buttresses</b> insufficient flying b.	INSULTS 45
<b>bugger</b> B. Bognor	LAST WORDS 6	<b>buy</b> b. all his furniture	SNOBBERY 8
not to b. badgers	ANIMALS 4	b. back my introduction	MANNERS 21
<b>buggers</b> b. can't be choosers	WIT 9	b. it like an honest man	POLITICS 36
little b. hop	DANCE 2	in doubt b. shoes	ADVICE 13
<b>bugler</b> Beauchamp is a b.	WORDS 4	never to b. anything	BUSINESS 5
<b>build</b> determined to b. on it	ARCHITECTURE 11	<b>buying</b> only if he's b.	CHILDREN 21
<b>building</b> it's a very old b.	THEATRE 23	<b>by</b> B. and by	EPITAPHS 17
something like a public b.	WIVES 14	<b>bypass</b> b. was built before the town	TOWNS 20
<b>built</b> b. it to last	BODY 27	<b>Byronic</b> all poets were B.	POETS 3
<b>bulge</b> mistakes a b. for a curve	OPTIMISM 6	<b>Byzantium</b> all her shopping in B.	THEATRE 32
<b>bulimia</b> yuppie version of b.	EXERCISE 5	<b>cab</b> Get me a c.	TRANSPORT 2
<b>bull</b> Beware of the b.	NATURE 17	theatre in a hired c.	THEATRE 29
bullslinging, and b.—	INSULTS 18	<b>cabbage</b> c. with a college education	FOOD 62
Cock and a B.	CONVERSATION 25	<b>cabbages</b> c. and leeks	CENSORSHIP 9
<b>bullfighting</b> b., bullslinging	INSULTS 18	<b>cabinet</b> another to mislead the C.	STATISTICS 1
<b>bullfights</b> Spain gets b.	HOLLYWOOD 10	two ways of getting into the C.	POLITICS 5
<b>bullshit</b> B.	MANNERS 5	<b>Cadillac</b> in your new C.	WORDS 15
French for b.	WORDS 13	<b>caesarean</b> I was c. born	BIRTH 10
<b>bum</b> every b. gets one	AWARDS 5	<b>Caesars</b> worship the C. and Napoleons	POWER 2
he's a b. with money	WEALTH 6	<b>cafeterias</b> Desks are really bacteria c.	TECHNOLOGY 8
<b>bums</b> Men's b. never grow up	MEN 28		
<b>Bundesbank</b> all believe in the B.	ECONOMICS 6	<b>cage</b> that a c. is natural	HOME 19
<b>bunk</b> more or less b.	HISTORY 9	<b>cake</b> C. or death	RELIGION 32
<b>bunker</b> b. of the family	CHRISTMAS 10	candles cost more than the c.	AGE 11
<b>bureaucrats</b> just like most b.	PEOPLE 8	My policy on c. is still	POLITICS 21
<b>Burgundy</b> domestic B.	WINE 8	peel picked out of a c.	QUOTATIONS 10
<b>buried</b> can't get b. quickly	FUNERALS 3	<b>cakes</b> lack of ingenuity over c.	FOOD 14
<b>burlesque</b> your ordinary b. dancers	THEATRE 12	no more c. and ale	MORALITY 14
<b>Burlington Bertie</b> I'm B.	SOCIETY 6	<b>calamities</b> C. are of two kinds	MISTAKES 8
<b>burned</b> b. down their own cottage	WALES 2	<b>calamity</b> Oh, c.	COMEDY ROUTINES 29
<b>burning</b> b. down	FILM PRODUCERS 15	that, I suppose, would be a c.	MISTAKES 13
<b>burnt</b> all this was b. cork	PREJUDICE 5	<b>calculating</b> desiccated c. machine	POLITICIANS 6
b. in Dublin	CENSORSHIP 7	<b>calf</b> c. to share the enthusiasm	RELIGION 55
cut off the b. bits	FOOD 14	last words of the Fatted C.	LAST WORDS 2
<b>bury</b> b. his mistakes	ARCHITECTURE 15	lion and the c.	ANIMALS 1
b. my sister	FUNERALS 7	<b>California</b> C. is a fine place to live	AMERICA 1
<b>bus</b> b. over the age of 30	FAILURE 9	screw loose rolls into C.	AMERICA 14
b. was so crowded	MANNERS 17	<b>call</b> May I c. you 338	LETTERS 4
Can it be a Motor B.	TRANSPORT 9	<b>called</b> Harry is c. Arthur	NAMES 11
don't understand b. lanes	DRIVING 5	<b>callous</b> 'c.' engraved on her heart	WIT 38
run over by a b.	TRANSPORT 4	<b>calories</b> gourmet who thinks of c.	FOOD 10
she tumbled off a b.	TRANSPORT 10	<b>calorific</b> so high in c. content	FOOD 50
<b>bush</b> trust B. with my daughter	PRESIDENTS 20	<b>calves</b> susceptible to c.	MEN AND WOMEN 26
<b>business</b> How to succeed in b.	SUCCESS 16	<b>Calvin</b> C., oat-cakes, and sulphur	SCOTLAND 9
make b. for itself	LAW 4	<b>Cambridge</b> C. people rarely smile	TOWNS 6
my pleasure, b.	BUSINESS 26	C. was the first stopping place	TOWNS 14



**Cambridge** (cont.)

it's either Oxford or C.	UNINTENDED	15	loyal to his own c.	POLITICIANS	13
When I was at C.	TRUST	3	stomach went in for a c.	BODY	16
<b>camel</b> c. is a horse designed	BUREAUCRACY	9	<b>careful</b> cannot be too c.	ENEMIES	10
<b>camels</b> distrust c., and anyone	DRINK	30	make them more c.	FLYING	3
none but she-c.	ANIMALS	15	<b>carelessness</b> looks like c.	FAMILY	36
<b>cameo</b> I'm just a c.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE	16	<b>cares</b> they have no c.	LAWYERS	6
<b>Cameron</b> David C. is from Venus	POLITICIANS	29	think nobody c. if you're alive	HOPE	11
<b>camp</b> c. near Dover	THEATRE	13	<b>Carlyle</b> good of God to let C.	MARRIAGE	10
<b>campaigning</b> organizing and c.	PRESIDENTS	2	<b>Carmen</b> glanced at her C. rollers	NAMES	8
<b>Campbell</b> breaks the C.'s back	WIT	10	<b>carpenter</b> being the c.	ACTING	25
<b>camps</b> someone who c. out	WOMEN	14	<b>carpet</b> definitely overpaid for my c.	PHILOSOPHY	1
<b>can</b> C. I do you now	COMEDY ROUTINES	4	<b>carrier</b> c. who carried his can	EPITAPHS	6
He who c., does	EDUCATION	17	<b>carrots</b> naked, raw c.	FOOD	34
I c. do that	AMERICA	12	<b>carry</b> He could c. no more	EPITAPHS	6
think you c.	SUCCESS	13	<b>cartographers</b> c. seek to define	SCOTLAND	2
<b>Canada</b> all over C.	CANADA	9	<b>cartoons</b> space between their c.	NEWSPAPERS	23
Drink C. Dry	DRINK	6	<b>Cary</b> OLD C. GRANT FINE	TELEGRAMS	10
what street C. is on	CANADA	4	<b>case</b> civil servant a good c.	CIVIL SERVANTS	2
<b>Canalettos</b> Then the C. go	POLITICS	32	In c. it is one of mine	PARENTS	8
<b>can-can</b> you can c. too	DANCE	10	<b>cash</b> she needs good c.	MIDDLE AGE	11
<b>cancer</b> my father died of c.	SICKNESS	1	<b>casinos</b> go to c. for the same reason	BETTING	2
<b>candidate</b> Actually I'm your c.	POLITICIANS	17	<b>cassowary</b> If I were a c.	ANIMALS	30
c. talking to a rich person	POLITICS	9	<b>castle</b> builds a c. in the air	MENTAL HEALTH	1
<b>candle</b> c. in that great turnip	PRIME MINISTERS	17	<b>castles</b> All c. had one major weakness	WAR	17
<b>candles</b> c. cost more than the cake	AGE	11	<b>castrati</b> dreamed of reviving the c.	MUSIC	39
<b>candy</b> C. is dandy	DRINK	36	<b>Castro</b> C. couldn't even go	POWER	6
<b>cannibal</b> Said the c.	FOOD	27	<b>Castroenteritis</b> C.	SPEECHES	4
<b>cannibalism</b> if ever I had to practice c.	EATING	2	<b>cat</b> bowels of the c.	MUSIC	36
<b>cannon</b> c.-ball took off his legs	ARMED FORCES	13	c. detained briefly	PRIME MINISTERS	34
<b>canoe</b> make love in a c.	CANADA	2	c. has fallen asleep on your lap	CATS	1
<b>cant</b> c. of criticism	CRITICS	37	c. hung up by its tail	MUSIC	7
<b>canting</b> this c. world	CRITICS	37	'c. sat on the mat' is not	WRITING	15
<b>cap</b> small feather in my c.	DICTIONARIES	6	intestines of the agile c.	MUSIC	27
<b>caparisons</b> No c., Miss	WIT	43	man could be crossed with a c.	CATS	11
<b>cape</b> Risorgimento c.	APPEARANCE	10	swing a c.	HOME	7
<b>capital</b> made c. instead	PEOPLE	19	to throw at a noisy c.	BOOKS	24
<b>car</b> c. is useless in New York	TOWNS	21	<b>catalogue</b> entire c.	BOOKS	1
get in the back of the c.	GOVERNMENT	22	in the c. descriptions	ART	6
if your c. could go straight upwards	UNIVERSE	6	<b>catamite</b> in bed with my c.	SEX	24
I'll keep the c.	PREJUDICE	1	<b>catastrophe</b> education and c.	HISTORY	21
just sit in the c. and hope	SEX	29	<b>catch</b> If you c. a man	MEN AND WOMEN	2
like driving a c. at night	WRITING	8	To c. a husband is an art	HUSBANDS	16
like the passengers in his c.	DEATH	6	<b>catch-22</b> as good as C.	CRITICS	21
Take up c. maintenance	EDUCATION	7	one catch and that was C.	MENTAL HEALTH	5
wait in the c.	TIME	7	<b>catching</b> c. a train	TRANSPORT	5
<b>caraway</b> left over for two c. seeds	TELEVISION	2	<b>catholic</b> C. and sensual	TRAVEL	7
<b>carbuncle</b> monstrous c.	ARCHITECTURE	6	C. school children	RELIGION	12
<b>carcinoma</b> sing of rectal c.	SICKNESS	8	C. woman to avoid pregnancy	RELIGION	39
<b>card</b> insulting Christmas c.	CHRISTMAS	5	C. women must keep taking	RELIGION	62
last year's c. for full details	ROMANCE	5	I am a C.	RELIGION	5
<b>cardboard</b> cut out of very thin c.	PEOPLE	25	Roman C. Church	POLITICS	29
<b>cardigan</b> c. over his pyjamas	MEN AND WOMEN	33	<b>Catholics</b> pigeons, or C.	MARRIAGE	1
<b>card-indexes</b> memories are c. consulted	MEMORY	1	<b>cats</b> C. look down on us	ANIMALS	10
<b>cards</b> c. that just say, 'Yes, I am'	FAME	10	count the c. in Zanzibar	TRAVEL	30
c. with a man called Doc	ADVICE	1	has two c.	NEWSPAPERS	22
<b>care</b> I c. less and less	OLD AGE	27	If c. looked like frogs	CATS	8
Take c. of him	MARRIAGE	67	Ladies are like c.	MEN AND WOMEN	9
taken better c. of myself	OLD AGE	6	why women love c.	CATS	5
women and c. and trouble	WOMEN	40	Women and c. do as they please	MEN AND WOMEN	23
<b>career</b> c. must be slipping	AWARDS	2	<b>catsup</b> c. bottle	FOOD	4
combine marriage and a c.	WORK	18	<b>cauliflower</b> C. is nothing	FOOD	62
Good c. move	DEATH	59	<b>cause</b> c. of dullness	BORES	6
			<b>cavalry</b> Navy, and the Household C.	WIT	22



<b>caviar</b> c. is running out glorious treat, like c.	WEALTH 5	His style is c.	WRITERS 42
<b>cavity</b> fills wrong c.	WIT 11	primordial c.	BODY 28
<b>Cecil</b> after you, C.	WIT 20	<b>chaperone</b> face was her c.	FACES 11
<b>celebrity</b> c. is a person	COMEDY ROUTINES 1	<b>chaps</b> Biography is about C.	BIOGRAPHY 2
modern c. is an adulterer	FAME 1	<b>chapters</b> no Previous C.	BOOKS 11
<b>celery</b> thrives in the dark. Like c.	INSULTS 36	<b>character</b> about a fellow's c.	CHARACTER 14
<b>celibacy</b> c. is almost always	FAME 16	c. dead	GOSSIP 11
<b>celibate</b> happy undersexed c.	MARRIAGE 55	c. is to be abused	FAMILY 29
<b>cell</b> best friend will be in the c.	SEX 31	enormous lack of c.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 14
<b>cellar</b> born in a c.	FRIENDS 1	have the strength of c.	AWARDS 4
<b>Celtic</b> meaningless C. noises	CLASS 5	leave my c. behind	GOSSIP 10
<b>cemetery</b> president is like running a c.	SCOTLAND 5	stayed in c. as myself	ACTING 8
<b>censor</b> c. is a man	PRESIDENTS 7	<b>charades</b> during a game of c.	SICKNESS 12
<b>censorship</b> by the c. laws	CENSORSHIP 14	<b>charge</b> in c. of others	PEOPLE 2
C., like charity	CENSORSHIP 13	<b>charged</b> asked me what I c.	COMEBACKS 8
extreme form of c.	CENSORSHIP 10	<b>charging</b> c. like the Light Brigade	RESTAURANTS 8
<b>cents</b> metropolis for seven c.	CENSORSHIP 15	<b>Charles</b> used by C. the First	HOME 4
<b>centuries</b> All c. but this	WORDS 20	<b>Charlotte</b> love for C.	MEN AND WOMEN 53
<b>century</b> sex and the eighteenth c.	FOOLISHNESS 5	<b>charm</b> all of their c.	BODY 4
<b>cerise</b> <i>éminence</i> c.	BOOKS 5	garlic in the salad of c.	MANNERS 9
<b>certain</b> not so c.	ROYALTY 34	know what c. is	MANNERS 6
<b>certainities</b> succession of opposing c.	CERTAINTY 1	Prince Umberto is c. itself	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 6
<b>Cézanne</b> convince C. of anything	CERTAINTY 17	without the c.	INSULTS 55
<b>chaff</b> see that the c. is printed	CERTAINTY 18	<b>charmer</b> Were t'other dear c. away	LOVE 14
<b>chaffeur</b> PHOTOGRAPH OF C.	NEWSPAPERS 17	<b>charms</b> melancholy minus its c.	DEPRESSION 4
<b>chainsaw</b> imagination and a c.	TELEGRAMS 13	<b>Chartreuse</b> C. can never really die	RELIGION 54
joinery with a c.	ART 16	<b>chase</b> instrument of c. rather than	EATING 13
<b>chair</b> I am not a c.	DIPLOMACY 3	<b>chasing</b> always c. Rimbauds	LITERATURE 21
voted into the c.	WORDS 21	<b>chaste</b> c. whore	HUMOUR 14
<b>chaise-longue</b> hurly-burly of the c.	ACADEMIC 4	<b>chastity</b> c. and continency	SEX 14
<b>chalice</b> c. from the palace	MARRIAGE 13	<b>chat</b> kills a c.	CONVERSATION 7
<b>Chamberlain</b> speech by C.	WIT 34	<b>Chatterley</b> end of the C. ban	SEX 47
<b>chamberpot</b> empties her c.	PRIME MINISTERS 8	<b>cheap</b> good actors—c.	THEATRE 6
<b>chameleons</b> Words are c.	SATISFACTION 4	handy and c.	FAMILY 1
<b>champ</b> c. for about ten years	WORDS 10	how c. potent music	MUSIC 54
<b>champagne</b> being enlivened with c.	BOXING 1	how potent c. music is	MUSIC 13
	RELATIONSHIPS 2	in c. shoes	FASHION 1
C. certainly gives	CHAMPAGNE 7	money to look this c.	APPEARANCE 18
C. for my real friends	FRIENDS 3	<b>cheaper</b> c. to lower the Atlantic	FILM 7
c. teetotaller	DRINK 42	in the c. seats	CLASS 14
content, and sufficient c.	CHAMPAGNE 6	<b>cheapish</b> C., reddish	WINE 7
fighting for, it's C.	CHAMPAGNE 3	<b>cheat</b> lucrative to c.	CRIME 9
helps is a glass of c.	CHAMPAGNE 5	<b>cheating</b> c. on my metaphysics final	EXAMINATIONS 1
In victory, you deserve c.	CHAMPAGNE 1		DANCE 6
newly poured glass of c.	HOUSE OF LORDS 1	<b>cheek</b> C. to Cheek	POLITICS 51
take a glass of c.	CHAMPAGNE 4	<b>cheer</b> always c. up immensely	COMEDY ROUTINES 23
<b>champion</b> c. of the world	PHILOSOPHY 2	<b>cheerful</b> being so c.	PHILOSOPHY 4
<b>chance</b> c. to prove that money	MONEY 27	<b>cheerfulness</b> c. was always	HOPE 5
give someone a second c.	TRUST 7	<b>cheerio</b> c. my deario	FOOD 54
give war a c.	WAR 20	<b>cheese</b> Botticelli's a c.	FRANCE 6
Is this a game of c.	BETTING 5	c. eating surrender monkeys	FOOD 56
why take a c.	HOME 8	C. it is a peevish elf	FOOD 50
why take the c.	WORK 16	C.. Shropshire Blue	DRUNKENNESS 11
<b>Chanel</b> C. No. 5	DRESS 13	dark, and smells of c.	SLEEP 6
<b>change</b> c. is inevitable	MODERN LIFE 5	dreamed of c.	RELATIONSHIPS 12
<b>changed</b> If voting c. anything	POLITICS 26	piece of Swiss c.	FOOD 53
<b>changes</b> c. it more often	MEN AND WOMEN 24	piece of very old c.	POETRY 6
<b>changing</b> c. a typewriter ribbon	WRITING 4	silent on the subject of c.	FRANCE 4
not c. one's mind	CERTAINTY 11	varieties of c.	FOOD 58
woman really succeeds in c. a man	MEN AND WOMEN 62	very new c.	RELIGION 19
<b>chaos</b> emotional c.	HUMOUR 22	<b>cheesemakers</b> Blessed are the c.	OPERA 6
		<b>chefs</b> c. screaming risotto recipes	WAR 8
		<b>chemicals</b> found more dangerous c.	



<b>cheque</b> his c. book open mail that c. to the Judge written a bad c.	HUSBANDS 21 JUDGES 6 DEBT 7	<b>china</b> Women's hearts are like old c. wouldn't mind seeing C.	WOMEN 29 TRAVEL 19
<b>cheques</b> to do is write c.	PUBLISHING 14	<b>chip</b> c. and pin machines	MODERN LIFE 3
<b>cherries</b> c., hops, and women	ENGLAND 14	<b>Chipperfield</b> C. commode	WIT 50
<b>cherub</b> c.'s face, a reptile all	INSULTS 41	<b>Chirac</b> C. would have been happy	LANGUAGE 10
<b>chess</b> Life's too short for c.	SPORTS 10	<b>chiropractors</b> c. were charlatans	MEDICINE 9
<b>chest</b> c. to slip down	BODY 32	<b>chocolate</b> Dip me in c. entire box of c. liqueurs they ski and eat c.	SEX 69 TOWNS 7 COUNTRIES 9
<b>chestnuts</b> pop like c.	WRITERS 19	<b>chocolates</b> whole box of c.	ROMANCE 2
<b>chewing</b> drops c. gum	CRIME 23	<b>choice</b> no c. in the matter	HUMAN RACE 4
<b>chewing-gum</b> c. lose its flavour	FOOD 57	<b>choices</b> menu consisted of two c.	FAMILY 13
<b>chianti</b> bottles of C. nice c.	TRAVEL 26 FOOD 28	<b>choosers</b> buggers can't be c.	WIT 9
<b>chic</b> Catholic or Jewish isn't c. very c. for an atheist	RELIGION 2 RELIGION 53	<b>choosing</b> women who did the c.	MEN AND WOMEN 47
<b>Chicago</b> I'd expect to be robbed in C.	RELIGION 53	<b>chop</b> You can't c. your poppa up	MURDER 2
<b>Chicagowards</b> COCKBURN C.	SNOBBERY 14	<b>Chopin</b> gap between Dorothy and C.	MUSICIANS 1
<b>chicken</b> c. whose head has been I know c. shit	TELEGRAMS 2 ARISTOCRACY 8 SPEECHES 14	<b>chopper</b> cheap and chippy c.	CRIME 18
<b>chicken-coop</b> Politics is like a c.	POLITICS 8	<b>chopsticks</b> C. are one of the reasons	EATING 10
<b>chickened</b> I promptly c. out	WAR 20	<b>chord</b> Bleeker Street c.	WORDS 11
<b>child</b> Benn grabs c. I am to have his c. knows his own c. never been hated by your c. never c. so lovely produce the most perfect c.	HEADLINES 8 SEX 25 FAMILY 26 PARENTS 3 CHILDREN 12 MEN AND WOMEN 51	<b>chorus</b> knees of the c. girls <b>chosen</b> what is c. by others	CRITICS 19 LITERATURE 18
<b>childbirth</b> Death and taxes and c.	DEATH 37	<b>Christ</b> C. or Faust	BOOKS 27
<b>childhood</b> C. is Last Chance had a perfectly happy c.	CHILDREN 30 WRITERS 32	<b>christened</b> want Brooklyn to be c.	RELIGION 4
<b>childish</b> strong and c.	MEN 29	<b>Christian</b> hadn't got a C.	ANIMALS 27
<b>childminder</b> underpaid as a c.	EDUCATION 11	<b>Christianity</b> between England and C.	RELIGION 56
<b>children</b> All men are c. as the c. grow up C. and zip fasteners c. love hamsters c. only scream c. to spend their weekends c. to spend their weekends C. you destroy together contempt—and c. deliver c. obstetrically once evacuated c. except his own c. first class, and with c. fond of c. (except boys) four c. quiet for an hour get it from your c. Having c. makes you no more hold yourself up to your c. I disliked but c. in touch with my c. make your c. carry My c. are doing me in history now not much about having c. parents obey their c. talks about her own c. tiresome for c.	MEN 7 CHILDREN 32 FAMILY LIFE 13 RELATIONSHIPS 7 CHILDREN 6 DATING 11 RELATIONSHIPS 13 MARRIAGE 69 FAMILY 34 MOTHERS 2 CHRISTMAS 1 CLERGY 1 TRAVEL 2 CHILDREN 7 TELEVISION 16 MIND 7 PARENTS 10 PARENTS 15 CHILDREN 19 PARENTS 2 BUSINESS 5 OLD AGE 29 LITERATURE 16 AMERICA 7 WRITERS 15 GENERATION GAP 4 HEADLINES 9 SEX 70 HEADLINES 10 ACTORS 6 WRITERS 39	<b>Christians</b> C. have burnt each other <b>Christie</b> Agatha C. has given more pleasure  <b>Christmas</b> C. begins C. day without an erection C. present from C., that time five 'baths' on C. Day from them for C. insulting C. card lovely thing about C. Merry C. nice to yu turkeys dis C. they are C. decorations walking backwards for C. <b>chuck</b> Queen to skip C. nups <b>chucked</b> You're c. <b>Chudleigh</b> Kiss me, C. <b>chumps</b> C. always make <b>chundered</b> c. in the old Pacific <b>church</b> Best Buy—C. of England Broad of C. C. of England and the Post Office C. of England begins C. of England is the only C.'s Restoration he goes to c. Railways and the C. run the C. on Hail Marys sitting in c. can make you <b>Churchill</b> never was a C. <b>churchman</b> British c. Modern C. <b>chutney</b> do earwigs make c. <b>chutpah</b> C. is that quality <b>cigar</b> c. is just a cigar <b>cigarette</b> c. into the lake c. is the perfect type	RELIGION 16  PEOPLE 4 CHRISTMAS 9 POVERTY 5 POETS 12 CHRISTMAS 10 CHRISTMAS 4 CHRISTMAS 1 CHRISTMAS 5 CHRISTMAS 7 CHRISTMAS 3 CHRISTMAS 11 DRIVING 9 CHRISTMAS 8 HEADLINES 3 MEN AND WOMEN 40 MISTAKES 34 HUSBANDS 32 FOOD 29 RELIGION 28 RELIGION 7 TELEVISION 15 ENGLAND 31 RELIGION 56 ARCHITECTURE 4 CLERGY 2 TRANSPORT 1 RELIGION 36 RELIGION 1 INSULTS 21 CLERGY 2 CLERGY 14 ANIMALS 14 FAMILY 24 SEX 40 COUNTRIES 15 HAPPINESS 16



- c. out of my mouth  
I smoked my first c.  
Put that bloody c. out
- cigarettes** c., whisky and wild
- Cinderella** C. since the wedding  
If I made C.
- cinemas** called after London c.
- circumcision** breast-feeding, c.
- circumlocution** C. Office
- circumstantial** c. evidence is very strong
- circus** c. it deserves  
good deal like a c.
- cirrhosis** Pollution: c. of the river
- cistern** loud the c.
- cities** shape of our c.
- city** family—in another c.  
I can get the same money for c.  
is an Oriental c.  
stay in the c.
- civil** Always be c. to the girls  
c. To everyone  
Pray good people, be c.  
We had a c. ceremony
- civilities** groundless c.
- civilization** can't say c. don't  
collapse of c.  
thought of modern c.
- civilized** c. man has built a coach
- civil servant** c. doesn't make  
Give a c. a good case  
Here lies a c.
- civil servants** c. are human
- civil service** c. has finished
- claim** opposite of what they c.
- clams** ate so many c.
- clap** c. your hands  
Don't c. too hard  
sit on the curb and c.
- claret** C. is the liquor for boys
- class** c. distinctions  
bumped from first c.
- classes** Clashing of C.  
two great c.
- classic** 'C.' A book  
C. music is th'kind
- classics** great homicidal c.
- clatter** c. of Sir James Barrie's cans
- Claude** After you, C.
- Claus** ain't no Sanity C.
- clean** always wear completely c. underwear  
c., verb active  
have to be c.  
one more thing to keep c.  
when the air was c.  
you get if you c. the toilets
- cleaner** c. than a man's
- cleanest** c. and most isolated way
- cleaning** C. your house while
- cleanliness** c. everywhere
- Clegg** Nick C.
- Cleopatra** C.—and sank
- clergyman** beneficed c.
- MANNERS 15  
KISSING 9  
LAST WORDS 14  
LIFESTYLE 2  
INSULTS 51  
FILM PRODUCERS 8  
TRAVEL 23  
CHILDREN 26  
BUREAUCRACY 4  
LAW 24  
HOLLYWOOD 10  
MARRIAGE 42  
NATURE 2  
OLD AGE 5  
TRANSPORT 14  
HAPPINESS 4  
WORDS 20  
HOLLYWOOD 4  
NATURE 18  
WOMEN 30  
CIVIL SERVANTS 6  
RELIGION 29  
WEDDINGS 6  
MANNERS 11  
PROGRESS 8  
NEWSPAPERS 37  
PROGRESS 5  
PROGRESS 4  
CIVIL SERVANTS 3  
CIVIL SERVANTS 2  
CIVIL SERVANTS 6  
CIVIL SERVANTS 4  
CIVIL SERVANTS 5  
SELF-KNOWLEDGE 9  
FOOD 12  
CLASS 14  
THEATRE 23  
HEROES 5  
DRINK 26  
CLASS 15  
SNOBBERY 1  
POLITICS 15  
PARTIES 4  
READING 9  
MUSIC 21  
LITERATURE 27  
WRITERS 21  
COMEDY ROUTINES 1  
CHRISTMAS 6  
ADVICE 12  
EDUCATION 5  
HUMOUR 25  
RELIGION 25  
AGE 3  
AWARDS 13  
MEN AND WOMEN 24  
TRAVEL 8  
HOME 9  
COUNTRIES 15  
POLITICIANS 8  
ACTORS 5  
CLERGY 14
- take a reference from a c.
- clergymen** men, women, and c.
- clever** brains to be that c.
- cliché** c. and an indiscretion  
C. was a suburb of Paris
- clichés** have some new c.  
When it comes to c.  
wreck it with c.
- client** c. moans and sighs  
[My] c.—God—is in no hurry
- climb** c. every Mountie
- clinging** Pushing forty? She's c.
- clinic** Betty Fjord C.
- clitoris** my c., not the sphinx
- Clive** like about C.
- clobbered** then gets c.
- close** c. your eyes  
ON ICE TILL C. OF PLAY
- closed** Philadelphia, but it was c.
- closes** Satire is what c. Saturday
- clothes** C. by a man  
had no c.  
not quite enough c.  
poured into his c.  
recognize me with my c. on  
wears her c.  
with your c. on
- clothing** only inappropriate c.  
sheep in sheep's c.
- cloven** pops the c. hoof
- club** C. THAT WILL ACCEPT ME  
this place is a c.
- cluttered** c. desk is a sign
- coach** civilized man has built a c.
- coachman** c.'s a privileged
- coal** c. in the bath  
made mainly of c.
- coals** No more c. to Newcastle
- coarse** is rather c.
- coast** travel from c. to coast
- coastlines** I design c.
- Coca-Cola** C.'s Dasani mineral water
- cocaine** C. habit-forming  
C. is God's way of saying  
make the c. work faster
- cock** C. and a Bull
- cockatoo** natural to a c.
- cocksure** c. of anything
- cocktail** are the c. parties
- cocoa** nice cup of c.
- cod** But not in the land of the c.  
home of the bean and the c.  
photographer is like the c.  
piece of c.
- codeword** 'recluse' is a c.
- coexist** human being and fish can c.
- coffee** cup of c. in your hand  
if this is c.  
Make policy, not c.  
Only Irish c. provides
- coffin** becomes his c.  
C. Makers and Pickpockets  
silver plate on a c.
- TRUST 7  
CLERGY 12  
INTELLIGENCE 5  
DIPLOMACY 8  
WORDS 9  
CINEMA 8  
COUNTRIES 11  
CIVIL SERVANTS 2  
ADVERTISING 9  
ARCHITECTURE 7  
CANADA 10  
AGE 1  
DRINK 50  
SEX 26  
DEATH 12  
BRITISH 1  
SEX 15  
TELEGRAMS 9  
TOWNS 13  
THEATRE 19  
FASHION 6  
FASHION 3  
DRESS 22  
APPEARANCE 27  
APPEARANCE 3  
DRESS 21  
FAME 22  
WEATHER 4  
PRIME MINISTERS 20  
FAMILY 38  
SOCIETY 8  
INSULTS 46  
MIND 1  
PROGRESS 4  
MEN AND WOMEN 15  
CLASS 18  
BUREAUCRACY 3  
PUNS 3  
ANIMALS 28  
TRAVEL 18  
COUNTRIES 1  
WAR 8  
DRUGS 3  
DRUGS 8  
DIETS 7  
CONVERSATION 25  
HOME 19  
CERTAINTY 12  
FUNERALS 9  
HOLLYWOOD 3  
SNOBBERY 14  
SNOBBERY 6  
ART 34  
FOOD 36  
NEWSPAPERS 32  
UNINTENDED 6  
LIFE 19  
DRINK 39  
FEMINISM 5  
DRINK 3  
DEATH 25  
LITERATURE 19  
DESCRIPTION 8



<b>coffins</b> c. of friends	EXERCISE 8	ten c.	HANDWRITING 6
<b>coil</b> bent her contraceptive c.	LAW 7	Ten C.	BIBLE 5
<b>coins</b> c. still read	ECONOMICS 10	Ten C. would have looked like	RELIGION 50
front seat on the c.	GOD 42	<b>commences</b> long enough after it c.	MUSIC 48
<b>cojones</b> swinging your c.	BODY 33	<b>comment</b> C. is free	NEWSPAPERS 39
<b>cold</b> any c. of yours	WIT 6	couldn't possibly c.	COMEDY ROUTINES 47
c. enough, yet, to eat	CATS 2	<b>commentators</b> learned c.	CRITICS 38
c., half-French, and difficult	CANADA 6	<b>commerce</b> obstructed interstate c.	SEX 45
c. professional Germanic exterior	SPORTS 19	<b>commercial</b> concept of c. success	WRITING 10
except for a slight c.	ACTING 16	you're labelled c.	MUSIC 31
Isn't it c.	WEATHER 12	<b>commercialism</b> [C.] is doing well	BUSINESS 25
so c. I almost	ENGLAND 42	<b>commitment</b> what he fears most. C.	MEN 25
straight past the common c.	MEDICINE 3	<b>committed</b> c. breakfast with it	VIRTUE 13
warm hand on a c. morning	SPEECHES 16	pig is c.	DEFINITIONS 8
<b>Colin</b> C. is the sort of name	NAMES 10	<b>committee</b> Any c. that is the slightest use	MANAGEMENT 9
<b>coliseum</b> Beer Festival and the C.	SPORTS 33	c. should consist of three	BUREAUCRACY 14
<b>collapse</b> C. of Stout Party	COMEDY ROUTINES 5	horse designed by a c.	BUREAUCRACY 9
on the point of c.	BUREAUCRACY 13	violence punctuated by c. meetings	SPORTS 36
<b>college</b> or leave this c.	GOD 29	written by a c.	BIBLE 4
with a c. education	FOOD 62	<b>commode</b> Chipperfield c.	WIT 50
<b>cologne</b> truths wearing diplomatic c.	WORDS 7	<b>common</b> c. murderer	COOKERY 22
<b>colonel</b> C.'s Lady an' Judy O'Grady	WOMEN 23	Horseguards and still be c.	SNOBBERY 18
<b>colonies</b> c. in your wife's name	WAR 13	We had a lot in c.	RELATIONSHIPS 14
<b>colour</b> Any c.	COLOURS 4	<b>commons</b> C. must bray	HOUSE OF LORDS 5
c.-co-ordinated carrying case	FOOD 39	<b>common sense</b> likes sports hates c.	SPORTS 29
her c. is natural	APPEARANCE 23	little more c.	INTELLIGENCE 15
It's just my c.	COLOURS 5	never ascribe c.	GOD 32
There's been a c. clash	UNINTENDED 10	Nothing but c.	LAWYERS 5
walk by the c. purple	COLOURS 8	<b>communicate</b> trying to c. with me	DRUGS 2
<b>coloured</b> c., one-eyed	GOLF 2	<b>communism</b> C. is like prohibition	POLITICS 44
<b>colours</b> nailing his c.	CERTAINTY 7	<b>communist</b> Is he a C.	PREJUDICE 4
wholesome taste for bright c.	AWARDS 7	<b>commuter</b> C.—one who spends	TRANSPORT 21
<b>Columbus</b> 'I quite realized,' said C.	UNIVERSE 2	<b>companies</b> c. an idiot could run	BUSINESS 8
<b>coma</b> c. victim being stood up	DANCE 1	<b>companion</b> easier to find a travelling c.	TRAVEL 3
c. without the worry	TELEVISION 3	<b>company</b> c. he chooses	DRUNKENNESS 3
resentful c.	ACADEMIC 8	c. is sometimes questionable	AUSTRALIA 3
<b>combine</b> c. Mumbo with Jumbo	RELIGION 9	C. for carrying on	SECRECY 1
<b>come</b> c. out long before it is over	MUSIC 48	play it the c. way	BUSINESS 14
c. out to the ball park	BASEBALL 3	Running a c.	BUSINESS 19
c. up and see me sometime	SEX 73	steal out of your c.	CRIME 25
delighted to see them c.	CHILDREN 33	<b>comparisons</b> C. are odorous	WIT 39
give a war and nobody will c.	WAR 22	<b>compassion</b> c. in the very name	CLERGY 13
I c. back	COMEDY ROUTINES 19	<b>complain</b> knows to whom to c.	GOD 23
it needn't c. to that	POETRY 4	little to c. o'	WIVES 2
<b>comedian</b> going to be a c.	COMEDY 5	<b>complaint</b> Nobody, and that's my c.	HOLIDAYS 9
<b>comedians</b> accountants are c.	BUSINESS 9	<b>complaints</b> c. about the pauses	SPEECHES 11
<b>comedies</b> c. are not to be	CINEMA 6	<b>compliance</b> by a timely c.	SEX 39
<b>comedy</b> c. tonight	THEATRE 28	<b>compliment</b> highest c. that can be	TRAVEL 21
c. to those that think	HUMAN RACE 14	<b>complimented</b> c. me on my driving	DRIVING 6
C., like sodomy	COMEDY 2	<b>compos</b> non c. penis	CRITICS 29
Dying is easy. c. is hard	LAST WORDS 8	<b>composed</b> c. for the retreat	ARMED FORCES 17
had a flair for c.	COMEDY 1	<b>composer</b> blind c.	FILM 9
rules for great c.	COMEDY 8	c. and <i>not</i> homosexual	MUSICIANS 8
wouldn't give up an hour of c.	COMEDY 7	c. did not leave directions	CRITICS 3
<b>comes</b> nobody c.	SEX 59	c. is to be dead	MUSICIANS 12
<b>comma</b> kiss can be a c.	KISSING 8	<b>composers</b> I don't like c. who think	MUSIC 15
<b>command</b> give a single c.	POWER 9	<b>composing</b> Is he still c.	MUSICIANS 10
<b>commander</b> C. of Milton Keynes	AWARDS 6	<b>compromise</b> c. with being swallowed	CHOICE 6
C. of the Bath	WIT 4	<b>compulsory</b> c., like a thunderstorm	CHRISTMAS 7
<b>commandments</b> Five C.	FILM 3	<b>computer</b> C. says No	COMPUTERS 9
face made of broken c.	FACES 12	modern c.	COMPUTERS 4
first nine c.	FILM PRODUCERS 20	requires a c.	COMPUTERS 2
satisfied with Ten C.	PRESIDENTS 6		



<b>computers</b> [c.] are useless	COMPUTERS 11	<b>contagious</b> afraid it's c.	HOLLYWOOD 9
C. make it easier	COMPUTERS 13	<b>contemplation</b> Has left for c.	ARCHITECTURE 4
world market for maybe five c.	COMPUTERS 14	<b>contempt</b> Familiarity breeds c.	FAMILY 34
<b>Conan</b> C. the Grammarians	ACADEMIC 11	show c. for this court	LAW 27
<b>conceal</b> c. our whereabouts	HOME 18	<b>contest</b> end a c. quicker	DRINK 45
<b>conceited</b> far too c.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 26	<b>continency</b> chastity and c.	SEX 14
<b>conceivable</b> every c. occasion	SEX 58	<b>continental</b> C. breakfasts are very sparse	HOLIDAYS 1
<b>conceived</b> c. three times	PRESIDENTS 10	C. people have sex life	SEX 57
<b>concentrates</b> c. his mind	DEATH 31	<b>continents</b> toast of two c.	PEOPLE 22
<b>conceptual</b> joy of c. art is	ART 6	<b>contraception</b> word about oral c.	SEX 7
<b>concert</b> definition for C.	MUSIC 40	<b>contraceptive</b> bent her c. coil	LAW 7
<b>concerts</b> c. you enjoy together	MARRIAGE 69	<b>contraceptives</b> c. should be used	SEX 58
my c. had no sounds	UNINTENDED 12	<b>contract</b> c. is so one-sided	LAW 5
<b>condemned</b> c. veal	ACTING 4	verbal c.	BUSINESS 11
<b>condescending</b> he is very c.	FAMILY 35	<b>contradict</b> I never c.	ROYALTY 14
<b>conditions</b> if you have the c.	SUCCESS 32	never to c. me or differ	PARTIES 17
<b>condom</b> c. full of walnuts	DESCRIPTION 10	<b>contradiction</b> c. in terms	RELIGION 57
<b>conducted</b> c. a Beethoven	MUSIC 38	<b>contribution</b> valuable c.	DEATH 38
<b>conducting</b> c. an orchestra	DIPLOMACY 13	<b>control</b> conscience well under c.	POLITICS 27
<b>conductor</b> affair with a c.	AMERICA 20	kept rigidly under c.	CENSORSHIP 2
<b>conductors</b> foreign c.	MUSICIANS 5	or c. Alice	PRESIDENTS 23
<b>confidence</b> If you don't have c.	SPORTS 26	unless it is kept under c.	VIRTUE 14
<b>confidential</b> I give c. briefings	SECRECY 7	<b>conversation</b> art of c.	CONVERSATION 8
<b>conflict</b> C. and Art	FOOTBALL 18	elegant c.	CONVERSATION 4
<b>conformity</b> reward for c.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 4	flagging c.	CONVERSATION 13
<b>confusion</b> good at playing abstract c.	ACTORS 20	followed c. as a shark	PUNS 5
of an unparalleled c.	WRITERS 26	hold his own in the c.	ANIMALS 16
<b>Congress</b> through the US C.	RELIGION 50	improved by a little light c.	SPORTS 24
<b>conjecture</b> wholesale returns of c.	SCIENCE 18	make his c.	CONVERSATION 24
<b>conjunctivitis.com</b> C.—now there's	COMPUTERS 15	ordinary c.	CONVERSATION 16
<b>conked</b> c. out on November 15th	EPITAPHS 13	pause in c.	MARRIAGE 26
<b>conquer</b> urge to c. Poland	MUSIC 2	woman runs out of c.	WOMEN 1
<b>conscience</b> live with a good c.	HYPOCRISY 10	<b>conversational</b> hash up the c. remains	CONVERSATION 14
your c. well under control	POLITICS 27	<b>conversationalist</b> brilliant c. is one who talks	DEFINITIONS 7
<b>consciences</b> Bachelors have c.	MEN 23	<b>conversations</b> pictures or c.	LITERATURE 5
<b>consent</b> I will ne'er c.	VIRTUE 6	<b>convert</b> expect to c. England	FASHION 12
<b>consenting</b> only between c. adults	SEX 71	<b>convincing</b> less c. than one	APOLOGY 3
<b>conservation</b> make a speech on c.	INSULTS 49	<b>cook</b> c. in the kitchen	MARRIAGE 38
<b>conservative</b> c. when old	POLITICAL PARTIES 5	C. is a little unnerved	SOCIETY 3
nothing if not c.	EATING 5	I c. with wine	WINE 4
Or else a little C.	POLITICAL PARTIES 6	uncommon c.	COOKERY 22
Vote C. and you can	POLITICAL PARTIES 4	wanted to be a c.	AMBITION 2
which makes a man more c.	PAST 15	women, it is said, like to c.	COOKERY 4
<b>conservatives</b> C. do not believe	POLITICAL PARTIES 7	<b>cookery</b> Football and c.	FOOTBALL 24
<b>consolation</b> c. in a distressed one	SNOBBERY 2	Kissing don't last: c. do	KISSING 7
that's one c.	CRIME 13	<b>cooking</b> C.! Cleaning! Why	HOME 1
<b>consommé</b> c. devoutly to be wished	COOKERY 10	c. is on the sofa	COOKERY 5
<b>conspiracy</b> Indecency's c. of silence	VIRTUE 15	don't want home-made c.	RESTAURANTS 3
<b>constabulary</b> c. duty's to be done	LAW 9	missionary position of c.	COOKERY 19
<b>constancy</b> c. of the women	WOMEN 34	<b>cooks</b> as c. go	COOKERY 21
<b>constipation</b> c. is the big fear	SICKNESS 10	Devil sends c.	COOKERY 14
<b>constituency</b> c. in the rear-view mirror	MEMBERS 2	those literary c.	QUOTATIONS 7
wouldn't be in my c.	POLITICS 34	<b>cope</b> if you use a c. like that	FASHION 12
<b>constitution</b> C. for Iraq	GOVERNMENT 16	<b>copies</b> just not many c. of it	PUBLISHING 4
holy resignation and an iron c.	MEDICINE 25	more he c. me	FASHION 7
left out of the C.	GOD 42	<b>copy</b> Everything is c.	NEWSPAPERS 15
<b>construction</b> always under c.	SUCCESS 2	make a c. of everything	BUREAUCRACY 6
<b>consult</b> c. is to seek another's approval	ADVICE 3	<b>copyright</b> c. law is to be made	LAW 26
<b>consume</b> can c. locally	COUNTRIES 23	sense in any c. law	GOD 41
<b>consumer</b> c. isn't a moron	ADVERTISING 7	<b>coq</b> c. au vin was love	WIT 57
<b>consumerism</b> first rule of c.	BUSINESS 5	<b>Cordelia</b> get a light C.	ACTING 12
<b>contacts</b> right c. are more valuable	BUSINESS 16		



<b>cork</b> weasel took the c.	DRINK 16	<b>Coutts</b> banks with C.	CLASS 9
<b>corkscrew</b> bit like a c.	CHARACTER 12	<b>cover</b> C. for me	WORK 12
lost our c.	DRINK 52	sea bass for the front c.	FAME 24
<b>corn</b> eating c.-on-the-cob	SEX 21	<b>covers</b> c. of this book are too far	BOOKS 4
solving the c. surplus	SPEECHES 23	<b>cow</b> c. and calf	ART 1
<b>corner</b> just around the c.	HOPE 2	c. is of the bovine ilk	ANIMALS 23
standing on the c.	MEN AND WOMEN 34	It is a c.	ART 22
<b>cornered</b> cuddly as a c. ferret	DESCRIPTION 3	it was an open c.	LAW 11
<b>corners</b> people standing in c.	TELEVISION 5	like a c. in a milk bar	PUBLISHING 11
<b>cornerstone</b> c. of a public building	PRESIDENTS 25	pet is a c.	ANIMALS 8
<b>cornfields</b> Miles of c.	COUNTRIES 17	<b>coward</b> hero wid c.'s legs	HEROES 3
<b>cornflakes</b> Frosties are just c. for	FOOD 6	<b>cows</b> 'horses' should have read 'c.'	MISTAKES 25
<b>corny</b> c. as Kansas	AMERICA 8	rather dance with the c.	DANCE 5
<b>coroner</b> we had our own c.	EDUCATION 4	<b>crack</b> that c. is really moreish	DRUGS 1
<b>corpse</b> c. at every funeral	CHARACTER 10	<b>crackheads</b> tinned food is just for c.	FOOD 5
PUT C. ON ICE	TELEGRAMS 9	<b>cradle</b> hand that rocked the c.	DEATH 4
make a lovely c.	DEATH 19	<b>crammed</b> c. James's words	FILM PRODUCERS 11
makes a very handsome c.	DEATH 25	<b>crash</b> c. they had yesterday	FLYING 3
<b>correct</b> perfectly c. thing	MANNERS 22	hear of air c. victims	FLYING 5
<b>correspondence</b> calls and c.	LETTERS 11	<b>craving</b> no stronger c.	SNOBBERY 16
<b>corset</b> Try wearing a c.	FASHION 15	<b>Crawford</b> C. always plays ladies	INSULTS 15
<b>cosmologists</b> C. are often in error	SCIENCE 12	<b>crawl</b> c. in or kick your way in	POLITICS 5
<b>cost</b> c. me much	MONEY 8	<b>crazy</b> broad-and-hazy, or high-and-c.	RELIGION 27
[Gandhi] knew the c.	POVERTY 6	football c.	FOOTBALL 14
slight tax increase c. you	TAXES 2	should they go c.	POLITICIANS 28
<b>costly</b> c. or new in their attire	FASHION 4	<b>cream</b> afraid of butter, use c.	FOOD 19
<b>costume</b> sung in the c. of the period	MUSIC 34	they make a c. for that	COMEBACKS 4
<b>cottage</b> burned down their own c.	WALES 2	<b>creation</b> Had I been present at the C.	UNIVERSE 1
Love and a c.	LOVE 6	in the case of <i>The C.</i>	MUSIC 34
<b>couch</b> psychiatrist's c.	MENTAL HEALTH 9	<b>creative</b> C. writers are two	NEWSPAPERS 1
<b>couches</b> waste of good c.	MENTAL HEALTH 8	<b>creator</b> C. had beat us to it	INSULTS 12
<b>coughing</b> birds c. in the trees	HOLLYWOOD 8	C. made Italy	COUNTRIES 28
C. MYSELF INTO A FIRENZE	TELEGRAMS 6	<b>creatures</b> animated c.	HUMAN RACE 7
group of people from c.	ACTING 26	<b>credit</b> c. has an echo	MONEY 34
one c., and one not coughing	AUDIENCES 6	greatly to his c.	ENGLAND 16
<b>count</b> c. to five	ANGER 13	I never seek to take the c.	LITERATURE 22
C. to ten, and man is bored	MEN AND WOMEN 42	my c. for breakfast	DEATH 48
let us c. our spoons	VIRTUE 12	people who get the c.	SUCCESS 20
sheep c. him	CHARACTER 11	those who take the c.	AMBITION 4
<b>counted</b> faster we c. our spoons	VIRTUE 10	very much to his c.	EXAMINATIONS 3
<b>counterfeit</b> c. \$20 bill	BODY 5	<b>creep</b> Almost any c.'ll	GOVERNMENT 9
<b>counting</b> It's the c.	DEMOCRACY 13	<b>Crete</b> people of C.	COUNTRIES 23
<b>country</b> c. and western music	MUSIC 49	<b>Crewe</b> when I sell you to C.	COMEBACKS 3
c. retreat near the town	MEN AND WOMEN 64	<b>cricket</b> England did for c.	CRICKET 7
every c. but his own	FOOLISHNESS 5	It's not c. to picket	POLITICS 45
God made the c.	NATURE 7	looked upon c.	CRICKET 12
good in the c.	NATURE 21	not in support of c.	CRICKET 6
govern a c.	FRANCE 4	<b>crime</b> c. you haven't committed	OLD AGE 25
leave the c.	HEADLINES 7	UNDULY EMPHASISING C.	TELEGRAMS 2
likes the c.	NATURE 6	We like c.	CRIME 10
living in the c.	CONVERSATION 8	<b>criminal</b> ends I think c.	GOVERNMENT 14
no relish for the c.	NATURE 19	<b>cripple</b> cannot meet a c.	CONVERSATION 4
people who like c. music	MUSIC 33	<b>crisis</b> call them when you're in c.	PARENTS 12
pray for the c.	GOVERNMENT 8	cannot be a c.	DIPLOMACY 6
spy for or against my c.	TRUST 3	c. and the catastrophe	CHAMPAGNE 4
to be had in the c.	NATURE 11	only panics in a c.	POLITICAL PARTIES 10
weekend in the c.	NATURE 20	<b>crisps</b> like eating a bag of c.	SEX 19
<b>coursework</b> Life isn't like c.	EDUCATION 6	<b>critic</b> best c. of my plays	CRITICS 47
<b>court</b> c. is just an expensive habit	LAW 21	c. spits on what is done	POETS 7
<b>courtesy</b> professional c.	INSULTS 32	in honour of a c.	CRITICS 35
<b>courtmartialed</b> c. in my absence	DEATH 10	<b>critical</b> c. period in matrimony	MARRIAGE 39
<b>courtship</b> C. is to marriage	DATING 5	<b>criticism</b> benefited greatly from c.	INSULTS 13
They dream in c.	MARRIAGE 58	cant of c.	CRITICS 37



- c. is ever inhibited by ignorance  
**criticize** Never c. Americans  
**critics** C. search for ages  
 know who the c. are  
 murderers or c.  
 of Music Among C.  
 Restaurant c.—even great critics  
**crocodile** it's c. land  
**crooning** c. like a bilious pigeon  
**cross** attempt to c. it  
 crisp sign of the C.  
 double c. that bridge  
 having a c. word  
 orgasm has replaced the C.  
 un-nailed from the c.  
**cross-counter** In boxing the right c.  
**cross-dressing** about c.  
**crossed** Was the cow c.  
**crosses** instead of c.  
**crossroads** faces a c.  
**crossword** New York Times Sunday c. puzzle  
**crow** had the old c. over  
**crowds** Avoid c.  
**crown** deserve a c.  
 Lord, reserve for me a c.  
**crows** corpses of two small c.  
**crucifixion** after the C.  
**cruel** rather c. and incompetent  
**cruise** longer the c., the older  
**crumpet** thinking man's c.  
**crustaceans** c. died in vain  
**crutch** kick in the c.  
 Reality is a c.  
**cry** babe with a c.  
 Beware of men who c.  
 c. into your beer  
 especially when they c.  
**cryptogram** charm of a c.  
**crystals** Rose Geranium bath c.  
**cuckoo** c. clock  
**cucumber** c. should be well sliced  
 when c. is added  
**cucumbers** sun-beams out of c.  
**cuddled** c. by a complete stranger  
**cuddling** C. up to a piece of gristle  
**cuddly** c. as a cornered ferret  
 kissable, c., and smelling  
**cuisine** French c. and Ice-cold Grape Slush  
 people who have such bad c.  
**culture** c. could have produced  
 hear the word c.  
 political c.  
 pursue C. in bands  
**cultured** real or c.  
**cultures** other people's c. and the Dutch  
**cunning** I have a c. plan  
**curable** Love's a disease. But c.  
**curate** albino c.  
 bland country c.  
 I feel like a shabby c.  
 like a Protestant c.
- POLITICS 30  
 AMERICA 11  
 CRITICS 44  
 CRITICS 17  
 ART 18  
 CRITICS 34  
 RESTAURANTS 9  
 APPEARANCE 17  
 LANGUAGES 19  
 FACES 7  
 RELIGION 34  
 POLITICIANS 21  
 MARRIAGE 41  
 RELIGION 41  
 ACTORS 10  
 BOXING 7  
 DRESS 16  
 LAW 11  
 RELIGION 12  
 CHOICE 1  
 MEN 6  
 POETS 12  
 THEATRE 20  
 WIT 3  
 RELIGION 8  
 PEOPLE 18  
 FILM 11  
 BUSINESS 10  
 TRAVEL 4  
 PEOPLE 20  
 POLITICS 19  
 ANGER 3  
 DRUGS 7  
 MISTAKES 15  
 MEN 9  
 DRINK 33  
 CHILDREN 24  
 AUTOBIOGRAPHY 8  
 BUSINESS 3  
 COUNTRIES 30  
 COOKERY 16  
 FOOD 37  
 SCIENCE 16  
 CHILDREN 1  
 BODY 23  
 DESCRIPTION 3  
 MEN AND WOMEN 18  
 RESTAURANTS 2  
 COOKERY 9  
 WRITERS 38  
 INTELLIGENCE 10  
 POLITICS 33  
 ART 42  
 FAME 19  
 COUNTRIES 22  
 COMEDY ROUTINES 20  
 LOVE 24  
 FRIENDS 17  
 FACES 5  
 SCIENCE 4  
 DANCE 8
- remember the average c.  
 very name of a C.  
**curates** preached to death by wild c.  
**curb** sit on the c. and clap  
**cure** c. for sea sickness  
 in the twentieth, it's a c.  
 I will c. him for you  
 no C. for this Disease  
 once-bitten there is no c.  
 that reincarnation won't c.  
**cured** C. yesterday of my disease  
**curiosity** lost all c.  
 Love, c., freckles, and doubt  
**curls** c. up like carbon paper  
**current** c. is turned on  
**curse** c. of the drinking classes  
**curtain** after the c. has risen  
 Bring down the c.  
 c. was up  
 her c. calls  
 remove the c. rings  
 shower c. on the inside  
**curtains** sew rings on the new c.  
**curtsey** C. while you're thinking  
**curve** mistakes a bulge for a c.  
**curves** admire a girl's c.  
**custard** bathed us like warm c.  
 never invented c.  
**custom** aid of prejudice and c.  
**cut** c. you down to my size  
 right of final c.  
**cutting** damned c. and slashing  
**cuttings** press c. to prove it  
**cymbal** like an ill-tuned c.  
**cynic** What is a c.  
**d** I never use a big, big D  
**dad** d.'s name all over his underwear  
 fuck you up, your mum and d.  
 Wherever my d. is now  
**dada** art belongs to D.  
 mama of d.  
**daddy** D. sat up very late  
 keep D. off her  
**Dalai** horns of a D. Lama  
**Dali** D. is the only painter of LSD  
**dammed** saved by being d.  
**damn** don't give a d.  
 no general idea is worth a d.  
 old man who said 'D.'  
 one d. thing over and over  
**damned** lies, d. lies and statistics  
 Life is just one d. thing  
 music is the brandy of the d.  
 public be d.  
 those d. dots  
 written a d. play  
**dance** acceptable at a d.  
 rather d. with the cows  
 towers of Notre Dame to d.  
**danced** hadn't d. on TV  
**dancer** object to the fan d.  
**dances** Also d.  
**dancing** like d. about architecture
- CLERGY 7  
 CLERGY 13  
 RELIGION 61  
 HEROES 5  
 TRAVEL 22  
 SEX 68  
 MENTAL HEALTH 6  
 MEDICINE 6  
 FISHING 3  
 INSULTS 29  
 MEDICINE 28  
 AUTOBIOGRAPHY 11  
 LOVE 27  
 MEN 35  
 WORDS 5  
 WORK 19  
 ROYALTY 24  
 LAST WORDS 13  
 CRITICS 28  
 ACTORS 10  
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 LAST WORDS 7  
 INSULTS 10  
 MANNERS 7  
 OPTIMISM 6  
 WOMEN 42  
 DESCRIPTION 4  
 EATING 10  
 PREJUDICE 7  
 COMEBACKS 7  
 FILM PRODUCERS 20  
 PUBLISHING 5  
 ACTING 18  
 JUDGES 13  
 CHARACTER 20  
 LANGUAGE 9  
 FASHION 10  
 PARENTS 9  
 FAMILY 35  
 ART 28  
 WRITERS 17  
 DRINK 8  
 FAMILY 21  
 WIT 54  
 ART 23  
 COUNTRIES 18  
 SATISFACTION 3  
 IDEAS 5  
 TRANSPORT 12  
 LIFE 27  
 STATISTICS 2  
 LIFE 17  
 MUSIC 47  
 BUSINESS 24  
 ECONOMICS 5  
 THEATRE 26  
 MEN 27  
 DANCE 5  
 CERTAINTY 18  
 EATING 4  
 HUMAN RACE 9  
 FILM STARS 1  
 MUSIC 3



- danger** be in less d.  
But only when in d.
- dangerous** d. as an author  
d. when active  
found more d. chemicals  
horse is d. at both ends  
most d. game played
- Daniel** lionized was D.
- Darcy** to be called Mr D.
- dare** It wouldn't d.
- dark** Hellish d., and smells  
Isn't it d.  
thrives in the d.. Like celery  
too d. to read  
winking at a girl in the d.
- darken** Never d. my Dior
- darling** or one calls him D.
- darts** realized it was d.
- date** keep them up to d.  
man on a d. wonders if he'll get  
sleeping with them on the first d.
- dates** broken d.  
question of d.
- daughter** Don't put your d.  
Elderly ugly d.  
I trust Bush with my d.
- daughter-in-law** her own d.
- Davy** D. Abominated gravy
- day** about to ruin your d.  
d. away from Tallulah  
dread one d. at a time  
I knew Doris D.  
Start every d. with a smile  
what happens in one d.  
when people write every other d.
- daylight** d. coming the other way  
doesn't suit d.  
skulk in broad d.
- days** d. should be rigorously planned  
good old d. than a bad memory  
lost three d. already  
takes less than three d.
- dead** all our best men are d.  
blooming well d.  
character d.  
composer is to be d.  
contact I ever made with the d.  
d. bird  
d. for a year  
d. for the next two months  
d. on holiday  
d., or my watch has stopped  
d. sinner revised  
declared legally d.  
For being d.  
got on our hands is a d. shark  
if I am d.  
in hopes of dropping d. at the top  
Lord Jones D.  
must be d.  
Not many d.  
Once you're d.  
quick, and the d.
- FAMILY LIFE 9  
RELIGION 48  
WRITERS 43  
CENSORSHIP 4  
WAR 8  
ANIMALS 13  
SPORTS 2  
HUMAN RACE 11  
MEN 11  
TRANSPORT 4  
DRUNKENNESS 11  
WEATHER 12  
FAME 16  
CATS 6  
ADVERTISING 3  
DRESS 9  
ROYALTY 29  
SPORTS 18  
YOUTH 6  
ROMANCE 7  
SEX 44  
LOVE 20  
TRUST 8  
ACTING 6  
LOVE 16  
PRESIDENTS 20  
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SCIENCE 6  
LIFE 10  
DESCRIPTION 9  
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DIETS 3  
BASEBALL 9  
LITERATURE 23  
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GOSSIP 11  
MUSICIANS 12  
PARANORMAL 6  
OLD AGE 9  
SUCCESS 15  
LETTERS 11  
LIFE 23  
DEATH 36  
VIRTUE 3  
SPORTS 7  
DEATH 12  
RELATIONSHIPS 1  
DEATH 28  
OLD AGE 22  
NEWSPAPERS 11  
DEATH 8  
HEADLINES 9  
DEATH 27  
DRIVING 7
- rot the d. talk  
seen d. with  
was alive and is d.  
wealthy and d.
- deadlier** email of the species is d.
- deadline** met his own d.
- deadlines** I love d.
- deadlock** Holy d.
- deadly** d. in the long run
- deaf** be dead, extremely d., or  
d. man to a blind woman  
longing to be absolutely d.  
old man's getting d. as well
- deafness** To my d. I'm accustomed
- dean** To our queer old d.
- dear** D. 338171  
D. Desk
- death** between wife and d.  
Cake or d.  
d. and taxes  
D. and taxes and childbirth  
D. has got something  
D. is always a great pity  
D. is the most convenient  
d. is unreliable  
d., sex and jewels  
d. of a political economist  
D. to anyone who drops  
improved by d.  
kicking d. in the ass  
makes d. a long-felt want  
my d. duties  
no drinking after d.  
old maid is like d. by drowning  
preached to d.  
Reports of my d.  
terror to d.
- debauchery** Drink and d.
- debt** midst of life we are in d.  
National D.
- debts** If I hadn't my d.
- Debussy** idea Stravinsky disliked D.
- début** d. with a scandal
- deceiving** nearly d. your friends
- decency** D. is Indecency's conspiracy
- decent** d. people live beyond  
too d., too old
- decided** course already d. on
- decipherable** was d.
- deciphering** only hope of d.
- decision** difficult d. I've ever made
- decisions** d. he is allowed to take
- declare** d. except my genius
- decline** d. two drinks  
I went into a bit of a d.
- decompose** d. in a barrel
- decomposing** Baytch is d.
- decorations** uninhibitedly on the d.
- decorative** be d. and to do right
- decoyed** see these poor fools d.
- dedicated** d. himself so many times
- deer** if only the d. had guns
- defeat** In d. unbeatable
- PARANORMAL 2  
DEATH 60  
EPITAPHS 4  
DEATH 54  
COMPUTERS 8  
EPITAPHS 1  
TIME 3  
MARRIAGE 40  
EDUCATION 19  
FRIENDS 8  
MARRIAGE 19  
MUSIC 52  
OLD AGE 8  
OLD AGE 20  
WIT 48  
LETTERS 4  
LETTERS 5  
DEATH 40  
RELIGION 32  
DEATH 24  
DEATH 37  
DEATH 3  
DEATH 53  
DEATH 35  
DEATH 9  
ART 39  
ECONOMICS 1  
CRIME 23  
DEATH 50  
SEX 23  
INSULTS 53  
DEATH 55  
DRINK 19  
OLD AGE 15  
RELIGION 61  
DEATH 56  
BIOGRAPHY 8  
GOLF 1  
DEBT 6  
DEBT 9  
DEBT 10  
MUSICIANS 15  
OLD AGE 30  
LIES 4  
VIRTUE 15  
SOCIETY 10  
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PAST 1  
DEATH 22  
MUSICIANS 10  
LIFE 20  
WOMEN 12  
MARRIAGE 56  
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SPORTS 16  
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- defectors** D. are like grapes
- defendant** d. became insane  
d., Mr Haddock
- defining** D. what is unknown
- definite** d. maybe
- deflowered** At last you are d.
- degenerated** even, have d.
- degraded** most d. of all trades
- degree** I know I've got a d.
- delayed** d. till I am indifferent
- delight** English D.
- delighted** d. us long enough  
electricians can be d.
- delightful** Liverpool, though not very d.
- delinquents** Three juvenile d.
- deliver** d. children obstetrically once
- delusion** Love is the d.
- demand** not a note of d.
- demented** d. refrigerator
- de Mille** Cecil B. d.
- democracy** D. is the name  
D. is the recurrent  
D. means  
D. means  
less d. to save  
not the voting that's d.  
triumph for d.
- democrat** Santa Claus is a D.
- democrats** stop telling lies about D.
- denigrate** d. means 'put down'
- dentist** D. fills  
I'd sooner go to my d.  
know who your d. is
- dentists** more princes than d.  
on a level with d.
- dentures** To my d. I'm resigned
- denunciation** d. of the young
- deny** I never d.
- denying** not d. anything
- deodorant** no d. like success
- depart** we will d. together
- department** outpatient's d.
- deposit** d. in my name
- depressed** d. and miserable
- depressing** by d. the keys
- depression** best cures for d.  
D. is merely anger without  
d. when you lose  
got him on tablets for d.
- deranged** cowboys d.
- descendants** your d. Outnumber
- description** Damn d.
- desert** Zuleika on a d. island
- deserve** d. a crown  
d. to be lied to  
d. to get it
- desiccated** d. calculating machine
- design** there is a d.
- designer** d. jeans
- desire** d. should so many years  
get your heart's d.  
horizontal d.
- TRUST 6  
LAW 25  
WRITERS 22  
DICTIONARIES 8  
CERTAINTY 8  
TELEGRAMS 5  
NEWSPAPERS 45  
CRITICS 41  
INTELLIGENCE 19  
LITERATURE 14  
TRAVEL 11  
INSULTS 5  
WIT 32  
TOWNS 16  
CRIME 10  
MOTHERS 2  
LOVE 25  
MUSIC 42  
THEATRE 27  
FILM PRODUCERS 1  
DEMOCRACY 5  
DEMOCRACY 14  
DEMOCRACY 1  
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WAR 5  
DEMOCRACY 13  
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POLITICAL PARTIES 12  
POLITICAL PARTIES 13  
MUSIC 33  
WIT 20  
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FLYING 5  
DATING 9  
ECONOMICS 13  
OLD AGE 20  
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ROYALTY 14  
CERTAINTY 13  
SUCCESS 27  
LAST WORDS 12  
OLD AGE 7  
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DEPRESSION 2  
MUSIC 11  
DEPRESSION 3  
DEPRESSION 5  
BUSINESS 22  
DEPRESSION 1  
WIT 32  
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DESCRIPTION 6  
MEN AND WOMEN 6  
WIT 3  
NEWSPAPERS 36  
DEMOCRACY 8  
POLITICIANS 6  
BORES 12  
INSULTS 44  
SEX 63  
HAPPINESS 13  
DANCE 11
- provokes the d.
- desk** cluttered d. is a sign  
Dear D.  
subservience to the d.
- desks** Stick close to your d.
- despair** form of d.  
leads to d.  
sign of d.  
upgrades d.
- destination** man to his ultimate d.
- destiny** d. of bores
- destroy** Whom the gods wish to d.
- destroyed** d., laid waste or eaten
- detective** borrows a d. story  
doesn't want to look like a d.
- detergents** d. take out bloodstains
- detest** both d. you  
d. him more
- detested** d. him for 23 years
- detrimental** d. to keep it
- devil** apology for the D.  
d. and the Holy See  
D. sends cooks  
I believe in the D.  
taken over by the D.  
vote for the d.
- devout** d. in dishabilly
- devoutly** *consommé* d. to be wished
- dey** as the d. was long
- diabetes** family has a history of d.  
known to cause d.  
triumph of sugar over d.
- diagonally** lie d. in his bed again
- dialogue** 19th-century d.  
We didn't need d.
- diameter** organ of prodigious d.
- diamond** d. and safire bracelet  
d. is the only kind of ice
- diamonds** D. are a girl's best friend  
put d. on the floor  
Real d.  
Rough d. are a girl's best  
to give him d. back
- diary** keep a d.  
more dull than a discreet d.  
without my d.  
write a d. every day
- Dickens** put to D. as children
- dictionaries** Big d.  
opening d.  
Short d.
- dictionary** d. out of order  
ever made the d.  
'Ex's' in this bloody d.  
Like Webster's D.  
*Oxford D. of Quotations*
- die** afraid to d.  
At first, you fear you will d.  
back to America...to d.  
d. before they sing  
d. beyond my means  
d. in *The Times*,  
D., my dear Doctor
- DRINK 41  
MIND 1  
LETTERS 5  
BUREAUCRACY 5  
ARMED FORCES 9  
HOPE 1  
CHOICE 1  
DRESS 22  
MONEY 20  
TRANSPORT 1  
BORES 8  
SUCCESS 6  
HOME 13  
READING 6  
LAW 28  
MODERN LIFE 11  
GENERATION GAP 1  
ENEMIES 5  
MANNERS 28  
ANGER 16  
BIBLE 1  
CENSORSHIP 12  
COOKERY 14  
NEWSPAPERS 43  
SUCCESS 17  
DEMOCRACY 16  
RELIGION 24  
COOKERY 10  
PUNS 7  
CRITICS 16  
ACTORS 29  
WRITERS 30  
MARRIAGE 70  
FILM 4  
FILM 2  
POETRY 1  
AMERICA 13  
JEWELLERY 6  
JEWELLERY 5  
EXERCISE 10  
WEALTH 23  
FRIENDS 6  
JEWELLERY 4  
DIARIES 5  
DIARIES 2  
DIARIES 6  
DIARIES 3  
WRITERS 4  
DICTIONARIES 1  
DICTIONARIES 7  
DICTIONARIES 4  
DICTIONARIES 3  
DICTIONARIES 9  
WORDS 2  
DICTIONARIES 2  
NEWSPAPERS 21  
DEATH 1  
TRAVEL 20  
AMERICA 10  
SONGS 5  
DEATH 61  
FAME 3  
LAST WORDS 11



**die** (cont.)

d. without ever having lived	LIFESTYLE 8	d. minds	CENSORSHIP 16
done my best to d.	BIOGRAPHY 5	d. or not	MANNERS 2
had to d. in my week	DEATH 32	give pornography a d. name	THEATRE 5
I shall some day d.	DEATH 34	in a d. glass	DRINK 37
other times you do it to not d.	SPORTS 28	Is sex d.	SEX 5
Some of you may d.	DEATH 23	wet and d. from hunting	APPEARANCE 24
To Do Before You D.	DEATH 14	You d. old man	COMEDY ROUTINES 46
tomorrow we shall d.	DEATH 42	<b>disagreeable</b> person so perfectly d.	WRITERS 43
You d. thin	DIETS 5	<b>disappearance</b> d. of the groom	WEDDINGS 13
<b>died</b> crustaceans d. in vain	POLITICS 19	<b>disappointed</b> d. as often	MEN AND WOMEN 18
d. last night of my physician	MEDICINE 28	d. in human nature	HUMAN RACE 3
<b>dies</b> If he d., he dies	MARRIAGE 20	never be d.	HOPE 8
little something in me d.	SUCCESS 29	<b>disappointing</b> d. when you meet	PEOPLE 8
One d. only once	DEATH 39	<b>disappointment</b> are a bitter d.	CHILDREN 32
<b>diet</b> only time to eat d. food	DIETS 1	as such crave d.	ENGLAND 5
<b>diets</b> feel about d.	FLYING 4	bitter d.	FOOTBALL 10
<b>different</b> d. from the home life	ROYALTY 5	nothing but d.	CERTAINTY 16
d. word for everything	FRANCE 10	one month's acute d.	GARDENS 4
how d. it was from Venice	TOWNS 3	<b>disasters</b> d. of English history	WALES 5
on d. subjects	IGNORANCE 4	opportunities for fresh d.	OPTIMISM 5
<b>diffic</b> syllables is very d.	POETRY 7	<b>disbelief</b> ferocious d.	DESCRIPTION 14
<b>difficult</b> D. do you call it	MUSIC 22	<b>discerning</b> Only by the d.	RESTAURANTS 1
most d. year of marriage	MARRIAGE 46	<b>discipline</b> D. must be maintained	WIVES 5
That would be d.	POLITICAL PARTIES 8	<b>disco</b> New York's like a d.	TOWNS 27
<b>digest</b> wholesome to d.	EATING 3	<b>discovery</b> d. of a new dish	COOKERY 6
<b>digesting</b> D. it	MANNERS 14	Medicinal d.	MEDICINE 3
<b>digests</b> It d. all things	FOOD 56	<b>discreet</b> more dull than a d. diary	DIARIES 2
<b>dignity</b> I left the room with silent d.	MISTAKES 17	<b>discretion</b> D. is not the better	BIOGRAPHY 7
maintained her d.	ROYALTY 28	D. is the polite word	DEFINITIONS 4
Official d.	BUREAUCRACY 8	<b>discriminate</b> Why d. against him	OFFICE LIFE 3
<b>digressions</b> D., incontestably	BOOKS 22	<b>discuss</b> stay and d. them	GOVERNMENT 29
<b>dimple</b> in love with a d.	MARRIAGE 49	<b>discussion</b> more time for d.	MISTAKES 33
<b>dine</b> bound to ask you to d.	CLASS 13	<b>disease</b> d. I haven't got	SICKNESS 16
d. with some men	ARCHITECTURE 2	if they cannot ascertain a d.	MEDICINE 22
<b>dined</b> d. in every house	INSULTS 58	Life is a sexually transmitted d.	LIFE 5
I d. last night with the Borgias	SOCIETY 2	Love's a d. But curable	LOVE 24
I have d. today	EATING 12	nineteenth century, it was a d.	SEX 68
more d. against than dining	SOCIETY 4	<b>diseases</b> lists of fatal d.	MEDICINE 19
<b>diner</b> without hitting a d.	BUSINESS 17	scientific treatment for all d.	MEDICINE 31
<b>dining</b> more dined against than d.	SOCIETY 4	<b>disgrace</b> if you d. yourself you can	POLITICS 43
<b>dinner</b> better than the d.	MARRIAGE 21	It's no d. t'be poor	POVERTY 4
doing for d.	MANNERS 14	tinge of d.	GOSSIP 8
good d. one can forgive	FAMILY LIFE 14	<b>disgruntled</b> If not actually d.	SATISFACTION 9
having an old friend for d.	WIT 18	<b>disgusting</b> it is always d.	DESCRIPTION 6
number for a d.	PARTIES 9	<b>dish</b> discovery of a new d.	COOKERY 6
refrain from asking it to d.	ENGLAND 20	side d. he hadn't ordered	PRESIDENTS 17
what he wants for d.	CHILDREN 21	<b>dishabilly</b> devout in d.	RELIGION 24
<b>diodes</b> terrible pain in all the d.	SICKNESS 2	<b>dishes</b> do the d.	HOME 16
<b>Dior</b> Never darken my D.	DRESS 9	<b>dishwasher</b> average d. dressed	WEALTH 17
<b>dip</b> quick d. in bed	SICKNESS 18	<b>dishwater</b> fold our big d. hands	COOKERY 4
<b>diplomacy</b> D.—lying in state	DIPLOMACY 5	<b>disliked</b> not people I d.	CHILDREN 19
d. of Alf Garnett	PRIME MINISTERS 23	<b>disorder</b> put back in d.	MEMORY 1
<b>diplomat</b> D. these days	DIPLOMACY 16	<b>Disraeli</b> sitting next to Mr D.	CONVERSATION 1
distinction of a d.	DIPLOMACY 12	<b>dissected</b> d. at the least	MARRIAGE 7
<b>diplomatic</b> truths wearing d. cologne	WORDS 7	<b>distinction</b> few escape that d.	AWARDS 10
<b>diplomats</b> D. tell lies	GOVERNMENT 15	<b>distinctions</b> class d.	CLASS 15
<b>direct</b> d. this play the way you	THEATRE 15	<b>distort</b> then you can d. 'em	TRUTH 8
<b>direction</b> lost my sense of d.	RELIGION 15	<b>distraction</b> Genitals are a great d.	SEX 20
<b>director</b> being a d.	ACTING 25	<b>divine</b> it feels d.	VIRTUE 21
<b>direful</b> something d. in the sound	TOWNS 4	Right D. of Kings	ROYALTY 31
<b>dirt</b> d. doesn't get any worse	HOME 5	<b>division</b> D. is as bad	SCIENCE 2
<b>dirty</b> At D. Dick's	DRINK 5	<b>divisions</b> How many d. has he got	POWER 10
		<b>divorce</b> amicable d. means each	HOLLYWOOD 2



- D. never  
d. the inquest  
when I d. I keep the house
- divorced** d. at the same time  
If Gloria hadn't d. me  
my fault that we got d.
- do** Being moral isn't what you d.  
Can I d. you now  
d. just what you like  
d. unto others before they do  
d. what I say  
don't d. God  
don't want to d. anything  
George—don't d. that  
he'll say d. this, do that  
how to d. what I want to do  
I can d. that  
I'll d. him for you  
to d. to get rich  
way I d. it  
what people say you cannot d.
- doctor** d. anybody's literature  
d. being always in the right  
d. whispers in the hospital  
d. will see you now  
God and the d. we alike adore  
kind of d. I want  
not love thee, D. Fell
- doctored** I knew he'd been d.
- dog** d. ate my homework  
d. cannot relate his autobiography  
d. chooses to run after  
'd.'s mat' is a story  
d. walking on his hinder legs  
door is what a d.  
hard d. to keep  
Inside of a d.  
man bites a d.  
nothin' but a hound d.  
pollution, the d.  
size of the d. in the fight  
though my d. has just died  
Whose d. are you  
your d. comes back to life
- doggie** d. in front has suddenly
- dogma** serve to beat a d.
- dogs** bachelors love d.  
D. look up to us  
D. must be carried on  
D. who earn their living  
feels about d.  
Guys are like d.  
hates d. and babies  
Mad d.  
men and d. might as well  
our d. when well  
Tom and the other d.  
values d.
- D'oh** D.!
- doing** don't know what I am d.  
see what she's d.
- dollars** thirty-seven d. and a Jap guitar  
you leave him with two d.
- DIVORCE 6  
DIVORCE 8  
DIVORCE 4  
DIVORCE 7  
FAMILY 16  
DIVORCE 1  
MORALITY 9  
COMEDY ROUTINES 4  
MANNERS 22  
LIFESTYLE 3  
GOVERNMENT 28  
GOD 14  
MANAGEMENT 3  
COMEDY ROUTINES 11  
PRESIDENTS 26  
LAWYERS 4  
AMERICA 12  
ACTING 30  
MONEY 32  
FILM STARS 16  
HAPPINESS 2  
AWARDS 11  
MEDICINE 30  
MEDICINE 32  
WORDS 5  
RELIGION 48  
MEDICINE 21  
ENEMIES 3  
INSULTS 6  
DIPLOMACY 10  
LANGUAGE 17  
SPORTS 3  
WRITING 15  
WOMEN 21  
CATS 7  
PRESIDENTS 8  
CATS 6  
NEWSPAPERS 3  
LOVE 22  
CATS 9  
ANGER 8  
POLITICIANS 35  
SNOBBERY 17  
MUSIC 49  
SEX 33  
ANGER 12  
CHILDREN 25  
ANIMALS 10  
APOLOGY 8  
CATS 4  
CRITICS 20  
MEN AND WOMEN 9  
ACTORS 28  
ENGLAND 11  
MEN AND WOMEN 23  
MEDICINE 8  
EPITAPHS 7  
CATS 10  
COMEDY ROUTINES 6  
SCIENCE 7  
CHILDREN 28  
MUSICIANS 9  
MEN AND WOMEN 56
- dolls** Shirley Temple d.
- dolphins** more intelligent than d.
- domestic** d. work  
except in his d. life
- donate** d. his face to the US Bureau
- done** Apostles would have d.  
If you want anything d.  
should not be d. at all
- donkey** d. that carries a load
- Donne** D.'s verses are like
- donors** nickname for bikers: D.
- don't** D.  
d. call me Shirley
- donuts** D.. Is there anything
- door** d. is what a dog  
entering through the d.  
found my way out the d.  
slam the d. in the face of age
- doorkeeper** d. of a bordello
- doorman** D.: a genius who can open
- doormat** d. in a world  
d. or a prostitute
- doors** blow the bloody d. off  
both d. open
- doorstep** loitered of old on many a d.
- dope** sex, smoking d.
- Dorothy** D.'s daughter up top
- dots** those damned d.
- double** leading a d. life  
safest way to d. your money  
with a d. meaning
- double-bed** deep peace of the d.
- doubles** d. your chances for a date
- doublet** d. in Italy
- doubt** curiosity, freckles, and d.  
never, never d.  
often in error, but never in d.  
remove all d.  
when in d., strike it out
- doughnut** One d. doesn't do a thing
- Dover** camp near D.
- dowdiness** like d.
- dowdy** It made her feel a little d.
- down** he *always* let you d.  
lets you d. in a hurry  
meet 'em on your way d.  
when they were d.
- downward** might be called 'd. nobility'
- drag** being a d. queen  
born naked and the rest is d.  
d. queen's like  
D. them down
- dragging** sagging, d. or bagging
- dragon** father was a d.
- drain** country is going down the d.  
leave by the first town d.  
promotion down the d.
- drains** Better D.  
between the Deity and the D.  
unblock your d.
- drama** Irish stew of d.
- draughts** peculiarly susceptible to d.
- MEN AND WOMEN 19  
INTELLIGENCE 1  
HOME 24  
ARMED FORCES 26  
FACES 1  
RELIGION 16  
MEN AND WOMEN 54  
BUSINESS 25  
POLITICIANS 20  
POETS 10  
MEDICINE 13  
MARRIAGE 59  
MISTAKES 1  
FOOD 26  
CATS 7  
FILM PRODUCERS 21  
BUSINESS 18  
OLD AGE 10  
MUSICIANS 20  
DEFINITIONS 5  
SELF-KNOWLEDGE 17  
FEMINISM 15  
MISTAKES 21  
FILM STARS 9  
NEWSPAPERS 42  
ACADEMIC 3  
SICKNESS 14  
ECONOMICS 5  
HYPOCRISY 11  
ECONOMICS 11  
HUMOUR 1  
MARRIAGE 13  
SEX 8  
COUNTRIES 24  
LOVE 27  
CERTAINTY 5  
SCIENCE 12  
SPEECHES 28  
WRITING 22  
FOOD 68  
THEATRE 13  
ENGLAND 32  
VIRTUE 9  
PEOPLE 21  
DRINK 20  
SUCCESS 18  
DRESS 12  
ROYALTY 23  
FASHION 8  
LIFE 31  
APPEARANCE 13  
LIFESTYLE 6  
BODY 22  
FAMILY 23  
POLITICS 52  
WIT 49  
WIT 19  
GARDENS 3  
GOD 39  
HAPPINESS 7  
THEATRE 34  
VIRTUE 22



<b>draw</b> COULDN'T D. IN THIS HOUSE	TELEGRAMS 11	can't cope with d.	DRUGS 7
d. right to the finish	FUNERALS 4	doing d. so you can still play	DRUGS 4
right arm to d.	ART 4	<b>drum</b> d. out of the skin	PRIME MINISTERS 28
<b>drawback</b> great d.	PUBLISHING 3	<b>drummer</b> best d. in the band	MUSICIANS 13
<b>drawbacks</b> everything has its d.	DEATH 30	teach the d. to play piano	MUSIC 32
<b>drawing</b> inventor of the d. board	TECHNOLOGY 15	<b>drunk</b> d. as a lord	COMEBACKS 13
<b>dread</b> d. one day at a time	PHILOSOPHY 12	d. as a lord	DRINK 23
<b>dream</b> They d. in courtship	MARRIAGE 58	d. or running for office	ADVICE 10
<b>dreamed</b> d. of cheese	SLEEP 6	dad was the town d.	DRUNKENNESS 15
<b>dreams</b> City of perspiring d.	TOWNS 26	Guinness makes you d.	DRUNKENNESS 2
<b>dreamt</b> d. I was making a speech	SPEECHES 8	I've tried him d.	ROYALTY 9
<b>dreary</b> morals make you d.	MORALITY 17	not so think as you d.	DRUNKENNESS 10
<b>dress</b> automobile changed our d.	TRANSPORT 14	stand around at a bar and get d.	SPORTS 31
d. has no meaning unless	DRESS 19	well educated, and a little d.	AUDIENCES 1
d. like their mothers	MEN AND WOMEN 7	Winston, you're d.	COMEBACKS 5
like a lady's d.: long enough	SPEECHES 1	You're not d.	DRUNKENNESS 7
like to d. egos	FASHION 22	<b>dry</b> Drink Canada D.	DRINK 6
plain in d.	WOMEN 31	d. she ain't	FILM STARS 14
they d. to be annoying	FASHION 19	I am on d. land	HOPE 10
woman's d. should be	DRESS 10	into a d. Martini	DRINK 1
<b>dressed</b> d. as richly upholstered	APPEARANCE 5	wonder if they're d.	WIT 31
d. with pepper	COOKERY 16	<b>Dubliners</b> real D. lead	IRELAND 6
<b>dresser</b> They leave it on the d.	ACTORS 22	<b>duchess</b> d. in a bath towel	ARISTOCRACY 7
<b>drier</b> Or come up d.	IGNORANCE 3	every D. in London	PRIME MINISTERS 31
<b>drifted</b> Snow White...but I d.	VIRTUE 19	married to a d.	PUBLISHING 15
<b>drink</b> buy a d. from both	EXERCISE 12	<b>duchesses</b> four bereaved D.	ARISTOCRACY 1
don't d. liquor	DRINK 29	<b>duck</b> After that everything's a d.	ANIMALS 26
D. and debauchery	GOLF 1	know a d. because you like pâté	WRITERS 3
d. and women	ACADEMIC 15	<b>ducks</b> if you look at his d.	ART 9
d. as much as the next man	PEOPLE 16	<b>duke</b> enough who knows a d.	CLERGY 5
D. Canada Dry	DRINK 6	<b>dukes</b> drawing room full of d.	SCIENCE 4
d. it himself	FOOD 67	<b>dull</b> after-sales service, and is very d.	TENNIS 5
d. it when I am happy	CHAMPAGNE 2	always d.	ENGLAND 39
d. one another's healths	DRINK 25	Anger makes d. men witty	ANGER 2
D., sir, is a great provoker	DRINK 41	d. in a new way	BORES 9
has taken to d.	DRINK 49	d. in himself	BORES 6
in favour iv d.	DRINK 14	it should be so d.	HISTORY 1
One more d.	DRUNKENNESS 9	land of the d.	AMERICA 21
Then the d. takes a drink	DRINK 47	more d. than a discreet diary	DIARIES 2
vanity and sometimes d.	APPEARANCE 2	Only d. people	BORES 17
we could d. all day	WEALTH 20	paper appears d.	BORES 12
woman drove me to d.	DRINK 18	Telford is so d.	TOWNS 20
your husband I would d. it	COMEBACKS 1	that he be d.	GOVERNMENT 1
<b>drinking</b> curse of the d. classes	WORK 19	<b>dullness</b> cardinal sin is d.	CINEMA 2
d. so you're more fun	DRINK 24	cause of d.	BORES 6
d. to before they fall	SICKNESS 7	D. is so much stronger	BORES 4
no d. after death	DRINK 19	<b>dumb</b> d. at the very moment when	MUSIC 52
stop d. to get a hangover	DRUNKENNESS 6	d. enough to think	POLITICS 28
<b>drinks</b> d. as much as you do	DRUNKENNESS 12	not a d. blonde	INSULTS 40
<b>dripping</b> electricity was d. invisibly	SCIENCE 17	Our D. Friends	DRUNKENNESS 8
<b>drive</b> can't d. the car	CRITICS 42	so d. he can't fart	PRESIDENTS 13
if I tell him how to d.	ADVICE 14	<b>dumping</b> eternal d. ground	FAME 7
<b>drivel</b> I worship the d.	RELIGION 60	<b>dumps</b> Whenever I'm down in the d.	FASHION 2
<b>driven</b> pure as the d. slush	VIRTUE 2	<b>dunce</b> d. with wits	INSULTS 42
<b>driver</b> in the d.'s seat	PRIME MINISTERS 6	How much a d.	FOOLISHNESS 3
woman d. is one who drives like	DRIVING 8	<b>dust</b> d. on a Venetian blind	CRITICS 10
<b>drove</b> woman d. me to drink	DRINK 18	Excuse My D.	EPITAPHS 20
<b>drown</b> d. it in the bathtub	GOVERNMENT 20	<b>dustbin</b> d. upset in a high wind	SLEEP 2
<b>drowned</b> d. by the waves	SONGS 4	<b>Dutch</b> other people's cultures and the D.	COUNTRIES 22
<b>drowning</b> d. other people's kittens	CRITICS 12	<b>duties</b> my death d.	DEATH 55
death by d.	OLD AGE 15	smaller d. of life	PRAISE 11
<b>drudge</b> harmless d.	DICTIONARIES 5	<b>duty</b> as if it were a painful d.	WRITERS 41
<b>drugs</b> both on d.	GENERATION GAP 1		



declares that it is his d.	MORALITY 15	<b>eats</b> e. or needs repainting	BUSINESS 20
do things from a sense of d.	CHARACTER 15	E., shoots and leaves	BOOKS 23
d. to speak one's mind	MORALITY 20	gentleman never e.	CLASS 1
D. is what one expects	MANNERS 29	<b>eccentricity</b> E., to be socially	MANNERS 16
one d. we owe	HISTORY 22	<b>eccentrics</b> English like e.	ENGLAND 9
<b>dye</b> Reagan doesn't d. his hair	HAIR 5	<b>ecclesiologist</b> keen e.	RELIGION 7
<b>dying</b> always angry when I'm d.	LAST WORDS 10	<b>echo</b> credit has an e.	MONEY 34
Am I d., or is this	DEATH 7	waiting for the e.	POETRY 13
d. is easy. Comedy is hard	LAST WORDS 8	<b>éclair</b> than a chocolate é.	PRESIDENTS 22
d. with the help of too many	MEDICINE 1	<b>economical</b> e. with the <i>actualité</i>	TRUTH 3
If this is d.	LAST WORDS 16	<b>economics</b> e. of Arthur Daley	PRIME MINISTERS 23
stay d. here all night	ACTING 29	knew more about e.	EXAMINATIONS 5
through not d.	DEATH 2	speech on e.	SPEECHES 15
unconscionable time d.	LAST WORDS 1	<b>economist</b> death of a political e.	ECONOMICS 1
unmoved see thee d.	DEATH 20	<b>economists</b> e. could manage	ECONOMICS 13
<b>dynamite</b> Several tons of d.	FILM 1	<b>economy</b> E. is going without	CHOICE 5
<b>dysfunctional</b> d. family is any family	FAMILY 17	E. was always 'elegant'	MONEY 17
<b>dyslexic</b> I'm a d. Satanist	RELIGION 60	It's the e., stupid	ECONOMICS 4
<b>eagle</b> soar like an e.	SUCCESS 22	Political E.	DEBT 9
<b>ear</b> cut his e. off	ART 24	Principles of Political E.	ECONOMICS 3
desire to look into her e.	FOOLISHNESS 10	<b>Edinburgh</b> description of E.	TOWNS 28
out of your wife's e.	ANIMALS 19	<b>edition</b> cut-price e. of David Cameron	
Van Gogh's e. for music	MUSIC 53		POLITICIANS 19
wouldn't piss in his e.	ENEMIES 1	<b>editor</b> e., and a man with a tapeworm	LANGUAGE 12
<b>earl</b> fourteenth e. is concerned	ARISTOCRACY 5	E.: a person employed	NEWSPAPERS 17
<b>early</b> always too late or too e.	TIME 17	e. did it while I was away	NEWSPAPERS 29
E. to rise	DEATH 54	e. needs a small iceberg	NEWSPAPERS 28
it's e. yet	COMEBACKS 10	writer in the e.'s chair	NEWSPAPERS 8
leaving e. to avoid the rush	DEATH 46	<b>editorial</b> e. chair	MENTAL HEALTH 9
Rise e.	SUCCESS 9	<b>editors</b> most e. are failed writers	WRITING 9
think how e. I go	WORK 7	<b>educated</b> Cabinet ministers are e.	LITERATURE 2
very unfortunate that it comes e.	SUCCESS 28	well e., and a little drunk	AUDIENCES 1
<b>earning</b> learning, e., and yearning	LIFE 28	<b>education</b> e. and catastrophe	HISTORY 21
<b>ears</b> can you wag your e.	INTELLIGENCE 4	e., taste	MANNERS 20
e. are so big he could	APPEARANCE 19	E. with socialists	EDUCATION 3
No, with my e.	MUSICIANS 11	liberal e.	EDUCATION 2
That man's e.	FILM STARS 9	Me havin' no e.	EDUCATION 16
<b>earth</b> airport for bringing you down to e.	FLYING 2	Soap and e.	EDUCATION 19
heavy on him, E.	EPITAPHS 10	<b>educational</b> find television very e.	TELEVISION 13
meek shall inherit the e.	WEALTH 11	<b>educator</b> overpaid as an e.	EDUCATION 11
<b>earthquake</b> Small e. in Chile	HEADLINES 9	<b>eel</b> pick an e. out	COMEDY 3
<b>earwigs</b> do e. make chutney	ANIMALS 14	<b>efficient</b> E. hacks are very rare	NEWSPAPERS 1
<b>easier</b> Computers make it e.	COMPUTERS 13	he was damned e.	HEROES 4
<b>Easter</b> from E. Island.	POETS 12	<b>effort</b> if that e. be too great	ROYALTY 3
<b>Eastwood</b> Liberace look like Clint E.	PEOPLE 23	<b>egg</b> demnition e.	EATING 7
<b>easy</b> how e. it is to say	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 15	e. is always an adventure	FOOD 65
<b>eat</b> e. at a place called Mom's	ADVICE 1	e. on our face	MISTAKES 9
E. my shorts	COMEDY ROUTINES 7	e.'s way of making	ANIMALS 9
e. twenty a day	FOOD 68	It looks like a poached e.	TRANSPORT 15
e. what I advertise	DRINK 12	never see an e.	FOOD 20
e. wisely but not too well	PARTIES 14	still eat a boiled e.	OLD AGE 4
French, they say, live to e.	EATING 1	you've got a bad e.	FOOD 55
I'll e. this planet	BOXING 5	<b>egghead</b> E. weds hourglass	WEDDINGS 4
look lovely and e.	TOWNS 9	<b>eggs</b> all my e. in one bastard	PUNS 9
Man he e. the barracuda	CLASS 12	e. in one basket	BUSINESS 23
Never e. more than you can lift	EATING 8	hardboiled e.	CHARACTER 22
see what I e.	CONVERSATION 6	ways to dress e.	FRANCE 12
sometimes has to e. them	WORDS 19	<b>egos</b> like to dress e.	FASHION 22
They e. their young	AUDIENCES 2	<b>egotism</b> Shyness is e. out of its depth	CHARACTER 9
<b>eaten</b> destroyed, laid waste or e.	HOME 13	<b>Egypt</b> Remember you're in E.	ACTING 31
<b>eating</b> e. corn-on-the-cob	SEX 21	<b>eight</b> two legs and e. hands	MEN 22
having it and pro e. it	POLITICS 21	<b>eighth</b> I'm Henery the E., I am	HUSBANDS 22
subject of e.	CONVERSATION 13	<b>eighty</b> After the age of e.	OLD AGE 16



**eighty** (cont.)

At e. life has clipped my claws	OLD AGE 18
twenty goes into e.	AGE 15
<b>eighty-four</b> When I'm e.	OLD AGE 23
<b>Einstein</b> E. who made the real	SCIENCE 13
<b>either</b> How happy I could be with e.	LOVE 14
<b>ejaculation</b> god for is premature e.	RELIGION 11
subject of premature e.	UNINTENDED 2
<b>elastic</b> be a little more e.	WIT 47
<b>elbow</b> e. has a fascination	BEAUTY 3
<b>elder</b> to e. statesman	PEOPLE 12
<b>elderly</b> e. man of 42	OLD AGE 1
writing for an e. lady	NEWSPAPERS 22
<b>eldest</b> not the e. son	FAMILY 12
<b>election</b> black before the e.	POLITICS 37
<b>electric</b> biggest e. train set	HOLLYWOOD 22
little e. chairs	RELIGION 12
mend the E. Light	WORK 5
<b>electricity</b> e. was dripping invisibly	SCIENCE 17
If it weren't for e.	TECHNOLOGY 9
paying the e. bill	MEDICINE 2
usefulness of e.	TAXES 6
<b>elegant</b> Economy was always 'e.'	MONEY 17
<b>elementary</b> E., my dear Watson	CRIME 15
<b>elephant</b> They couldn't hit an e.	LAST WORDS 15
<b>elephantiasis</b> e. and other dread	NATURE 12
<b>elephants</b> Women are like e.	WOMEN 11
<b>eleven</b> e. at night	DRINK 43
just fought World War E.	INTELLIGENCE 14
less than e.-and-a-half days	SPORTS 9
<b>elf</b> Cheese it is a peevish e.	FOOD 56
Love is a perky e. dancing	LOVE 17
Oh fuck, not another e.!	LITERATURE 8
<b>Elginbrodde</b> Martin E.	EPITAPHS 16
<b>Eliot</b> E.'s standby was Worry	POETS 2
I'd not read E.	POETS 16
<b>Elizabeth</b> E. Windsor has maintained	ROYALTY 28
<b>elms</b> Behind the e. last night	WIT 37
<b>elopement</b> e. would be preferable	WEDDINGS 1
<b>else</b> happening to Somebody E.	HUMOUR 18
<b>elsewhere</b> something that happens e.	LIFE 8
<b>email</b> e. of the species is deadlier	COMPUTERS 8
<b>emasculated</b> has not been e.	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 7
<b>embalm</b> e. each other	PARTIES 16
<b>embalmer</b> triumph of the e.'s art	PRESIDENTS 27
<b>embarrass</b> e. other people	MIDDLE AGE 3
<b>embarrassing</b> e. pause	MARRIAGE 26
<b>embarrassment</b> life in a state of e.	ENGLAND 15
<b>emblem</b> e. of mortality	DEATH 21
<b>emeralds</b> I wish they were e.	GIFTS 5
<b>emergency</b> If an e., notify	BUREAUCRACY 2
<b>eminence</b> e. by sheer gravitation	SUCCESS 24
<b>éminence</b> <i>é. cerise</i>	ROYALTY 34
<b>emotional</b> e., we're not Spanish	FAMILY 14
<b>emotions</b> gamut of the e.	ACTORS 27
Paleolithic e., medieval institutions	HUMAN RACE 15
<b>employment</b> known as gainful e.	WORK 1
<b>empresses</b> I don't think much of E.	SNOBBERY 9
<b>empty</b> Bring on the e. horses	CINEMA 3
glass is always half e.	OPTIMISM 3
so adventurous as an e. pocket	AMBITION 6
<b>end</b> ignorance that it can ever e.	LOVE 12
noise at one e.	CHILDREN 18

where's it all going to e.

<b>endangered</b> even as an e. species	TIME 18
they were an e. species	LAW 13
<b>ending</b> quickest way of e. a war	LOVE 8
<b>ends</b> e. I think criminal	WAR 21
see how it e.	GOVERNMENT 14
similar sounds at their e.	EXAMINATIONS 9
<b>enemies</b> also to love our e.	POETRY 12
choice of his e.	ENEMIES 4
conciliates e.	ENEMIES 10
e. are innovative and resourceful	FRIENDS 2
forgiving one's e.	UNINTENDED 7
hundred e.	ENEMIES 9
no time for making new e.	HUMOUR 20
pain it brings to your e.	LAST WORDS 18
turning one's e. into money	AWARDS 1
wish their e. dead	NEWSPAPERS 5
<b>enemy</b> acute e.	ENEMIES 6
better class of e.	BIOGRAPHY 1
book of my e.	FRIENDS 11
e. of good art	WRITERS 23
hasn't an e.	ART 8
men will have upon the e.	FRIENDS 19
sleeps with the e.	WAR 25
your e. and your friend	MARRIAGE 3
<b>engagement</b> e. should come	FRIENDS 16
Every e. ring should have	DATING 14
<b>engine</b> e. in boots	JEWELLERY 1
e. of pollution	PEOPLE 17
<b>England</b> amusements in E.	CATS 9
between E. and Christianity	ENGLAND 37
do it for E.	RELIGION 56
dowdiness in E.	ROYALTY 11
E. and America	ENGLAND 32
E. did for cricket	COUNTRIES 25
expect to convert E.	CRICKET 7
he bored for E.	FASHION 12
I left E. when I was four	PRIME MINISTERS 33
road that leads him to E.	ROYALTY 22
stately homos of E.	SCOTLAND 6
summer in E.	SEX 34
<b>English</b> E. and as such crave	WEATHER 15
E. approach to ideas	ENGLAND 5
E. are bipolar	IDEAS 8
E. are busy	ENGLAND 30
E. can be explained	ENGLAND 28
E. cooking: put things	ENGLAND 13
E. Delight	COOKERY 1
E. have hot-water bottles	TRAVEL 11
E. how to talk	SEX 57
E. manners	CONVERSATION 30
E., not being a spiritual	MANNERS 13
E. servants	CRICKET 9
E. up with which I will not put	TRAVEL 6
Jesus can't have been E.	LANGUAGE 5
King's E. was good enough	DRESS 20
Not to be E.	LANGUAGES 7
old E. belief	ENGLAND 22
Opera in E.	ENGLAND 23
so little E.	OPERA 5
strong E. accent	LANGUAGE 10
think of the E. for a thing	FASHION 18
understand E.	LANGUAGES 6
	LANGUAGES 2



where E. completely disappears	LANGUAGES 11	<b>error</b> assured by adequate e.	FAME 14
<b>Englishman</b> average E.	ENGLAND 19	often in e., but never in doubt	SCIENCE 12
Because I am an E.	ENGLAND 15	reproductions of human e.	TECHNOLOGY 13
born an E.	ENGLAND 8	<b>escalators</b> carried on the e.	APOLOGY 8
E. believes be heresy	RELIGION 57	<b>escape</b> few e. that distinction	AWARDS 10
E. considers	ENGLAND 3	<b>escaped</b> film wasn't released—it e.	CINEMA 1
E. does not travel	ENGLAND 38	<b>escargots</b> order e. and tell them	FOOD 9
E., even if he is alone	ENGLAND 27	<b>Esperanto</b> speak E.	LANGUAGES 14
E.'s house	ENGLAND 18	<b>essay</b> one damn e. crisis after	EDUCATION 6
E. thinks	ENGLAND 33	<b>essays</b> used to write e.	EDUCATION 4
E. to a Frenchman	FRANCE 7	<b>Essex</b> close my eyes and think of E.	MUSIC 1
He is an E.	ENGLAND 16	<b>estate</b> dealing with e. workers	CLASS 7
only the E. does that	ENGLAND 29	good e. agent	HOME 11
remains an E.	COUNTRIES 16	<b>eternal</b> concept of an e. mother	ROYALTY 15
typical E.	ENGLAND 39	<b>eternity</b> E.'s a terrible thought	TIME 18
upstanding E.	ENGLAND 43	some conception of e.	CRICKET 9
<b>Englishmen</b> E. never will be	ENGLAND 34	<b>etiquette</b> E. is the noise you don't	MANNERS 1
Mad dogs and E.	ENGLAND 11	<b>Eton</b> hoidays from E.	EDUCATION 18
When two E. meet	WEATHER 7	<b>eunuch</b> e. and a snigger	CLERGY 7
<b>Englishwoman</b> E. is so refined	ENGLAND 36	<b>eunuchs</b> Critics are like e.	CRITICS 8
I am an E.	HOPE 10	<b>euphemism</b> keep the...e.	WIT 1
<b>enjoy</b> except how to e. it	LITERATURE 11	<b>euphemisms</b> E. are unpleasant truths	WORDS 7
have to go out and e. it	WEATHER 13	<b>Europe</b> In E., when a rich	AMERICA 20
ought to admit they e. it	WEALTH 16	length and breadth of E.	TRANSPORT 3
pagan is to e. it thoroughly	RELIGION 17	<b>evacuated</b> e. children	CHRISTMAS 1
<b>enjoyment</b> e. you've taken out	CLERGY 11	<b>eve</b> since E. gave Adam the apple	GIFTS 6
their own e.	FOOD 40	<b>even</b> e. terror of their lives	PREJUDICE 13
<b>enjoyments</b> for its e.	HAPPINESS 14	<b>evening</b> perfectly wonderful e.	INSULTS 34
<b>enough</b> way I live, once is e.	LIFESTYLE 10	<b>evenings</b> exciting e.	HOLIDAYS 11
<b>enquiries</b> with their e.	TOWNS 31	Shouting in the e.	ACTING 33
<b>entendre</b> full of single e.	WORDS 12	<b>eventide</b> perfect e. home	HOUSE OF LORDS 8
<b>entertain</b> e. an idea	IDEAS 6	<b>everybody</b> e. is ignorant	IGNORANCE 4
<b>entertained</b> e. in your living room	TELEVISION 8	where is e.	PARANORMAL 4
<b>enthusiasm</b> uncontrolled e.	BORES 10	<b>everyone</b> e. else has	ACTORS 11
<b>entrepreneur</b> word for e.	LANGUAGES 5	man who's had e.	GIFTS 8
<b>envelope</b> in a brown e.	DEBT 4	<b>everything</b> E. is copy	NEWSPAPERS 15
<b>envy</b> e., content, and sufficient	CHAMPAGNE 6	get e.	DIVORCE 9
<b>epicure</b> e. would say	EATING 12	Macaulay is of e.	CERTAINTY 12
<b>epiglottis</b> My e. filled him with glee	MEDICINE 27	<b>evidence</b> circumstantial e. is very strong	LAW 24
<b>epigram</b> Impelled to try an e.	LITERATURE 22	e. of life after death	HOUSE OF LORDS 7
until it purrs like an e.	NEWSPAPERS 26	giving us wordy e.	CONVERSATION 10
<b>Episcopalian</b> Chic is E.	RELIGION 2	<b>evil</b> don't think that he's e.	GOD 1
<b>epitaph</b> No e.	EPITAPHS 23	e. reptilian kitten-eater	POLITICIANS 3
<b>Epstein</b> E. is a great sculptor	ART 29	<b>evils</b> Between two e.	VIRTUE 20
never forgive Mr E.	ART 2	<b>exactly</b> vaguely right than e. wrong	PHILOSOPHY 10
<b>equal</b> All men are e.	LIFE 15	<b>exaggerated</b> greatly e.	DEATH 56
all shall e. be	CLASS 9	<b>examination</b> like an e.	BIBLE 5
e. to men lack ambition	FEMINISM 1	<b>examined</b> needs to have his hod e.	ART 20
more e. than others	DEMOCRACY 11	<b>examiners</b> than my e.	EXAMINATIONS 5
<b>equality</b> e. in the servants' hall	CLASS 2	<b>example</b> annoyance of a good e.	CHARACTER 19
E. is a step down	FEMINISM 12	can't be a good e.	LIFE 2
<b>equally</b> I hate everyone e.	PREJUDICE 3	don't set a good e.	CLASS 23
<b>equanimity</b> No man can face with e.	MEMBERS 7	not as an e.	PARENTS 15
<b>equation</b> each e. I included	SCIENCE 11	vivid e.	GENERATION GAP 10
<b>equipment</b> triumph of e. over people	TELEVISION 2	<b>exception</b> glad to make an e.	INSULTS 33
<b>equity</b> E. does not demand	LAW 3	<b>excess</b> Nothing succeeds like e.	SUCCESS 31
<b>erection</b> Christmas day without an e.	POVERTY 5	<b>excise</b> e.. A hateful tax	TAXES 7
<b>erections</b> give you e.	MEN AND WOMEN 61	<b>exciting</b> look both moral and e.	MORALITY 3
<b>erogenous</b> We retain our zones e.	MEDICINE 18	<b>exclamation</b> All those e. marks	LANGUAGE 16
<b>err</b> e. is human	COMPUTERS 2	<b>exclusive</b> not mutually e.	MANAGEMENT 4
e. is human	VIRTUE 21	put e. on the weather	NEWSPAPERS 27
<b>errands</b> run on little e.	GOVERNMENT 7	<b>excuse</b> E. My Dust	EPITAPHS 20
<b>erroneous</b> e. opinion	HUMAN RACE 6	without giving an e.	SOCIETY 9



- excuses** e. are like assholes  
Several e.
- execution** e. of a senior colleague
- exercise** don't take enough e.  
E. is the yuppie version  
For e., I wind my watch  
who took e.
- exercises** two best e.
- exertion** e. is too much
- exhausted** e. all other alternatives
- exist** God does e.  
that He doesn't e.  
trout know that I e.
- existence** e. of Lord Beaverbrook
- expands** Work e. to fill the time
- expects** e. nothing  
e. the Spanish Inquisition  
what one e. from others
- expenditure** annual e., nineteen  
E. rises to meet income
- expense** e. of two
- expenses** all e. paid  
facts are on e.
- expensive** e. humiliation  
e. it is to be poor
- experience** e. will be a lesson  
some legal e.  
triumph of hope over e.  
we need not e. it
- expert** against the educated e.
- explain** e. why it didn't happen
- explaining** e. things
- explanation** tons of e.
- explorer** e. who first sets foot upon
- exposed** his intellect is improperly e.
- expression** brain and his e.
- expressions** e.—joy and indigestion
- exterior** this flabby e.
- exterminator** your e. called
- extinct** e. on other planets  
I am e.
- extinction** total e.
- exuberance** e. of his own verbosity
- eye** already lost one e.  
anywhere if you have the e.  
close one e.  
e. that can open an oyster  
God caught his e.  
had but one e.  
less in this than meets the e.  
one's e. for the high birds  
painter's e.  
spoils one's e.
- eyebrow** Left e. raised
- eyebrows** Kipling's e.  
stray e.  
tried to shave off my e.
- eyes** close my e. and think of Essex  
close your e.  
e. wide open before marriage  
in some people's e.  
me or your own e.
- APOLOGY 6  
APOLOGY 3  
POLITICAL PARTIES 3  
EXERCISE 13  
EXERCISE 5  
EXERCISE 6  
EXERCISE 8  
EXERCISE 3  
HUMOUR 17  
HISTORY 8  
GOD 21  
GOD 36  
GOD 18  
NEWSPAPERS 43  
WORK 15  
HOPE 8  
COMEDY ROUTINES 27  
MANNERS 29  
DEBT 3  
ECONOMICS 14  
GOD 17  
COUNTRIES 3  
NEWSPAPERS 39  
MIND 5  
POVERTY 2  
DIVORCE 2  
FAMILY 18  
MARRIAGE 45  
TECHNOLOGY 6  
LAWYERS 10  
POLITICIANS 9  
GENERATION GAP 4  
LIES 9  
TRAVEL 24  
MIND 11  
HUMOUR 3  
INSULTS 39  
SELF-KNOWLEDGE 14  
ADVERTISING 1  
UNIVERSE 7  
OLD AGE 28  
CHOICE 1  
SPEECHES 9  
CRIME 3  
QUOTATIONS 5  
FRIENDS 7  
DESCRIPTION 18  
EPITAPHS 17  
BODY 8  
CRITICS 5  
POLITICIANS 15  
ART 12  
CRICKET 8  
ACTORS 26  
DESCRIPTION 15  
APPEARANCE 4  
FACES 9  
MUSIC 1  
SEX 15  
MARRIAGE 33  
MORALITY 2  
CERTAINTY 9
- see the e. follow you  
through the e. of the insane  
undressing him with your e.  
woman rolling her e.
- face** can't think of your f.  
English never smash in a f.  
f. looks like a wedding cake  
f. made of broken commandments  
f. of a Venus  
f. was her chaperone  
f. was that wrinkled  
had the sort of f.  
I never forget a f.  
look you right in the f.  
marching across your f.  
My advice is to keep your f.  
people who can't f. books
- Facebook** F. is for people who can't
- faced** If I were two-f.
- faces** everybody's f.  
older f.  
We had f.
- fact** F.  
trifling investment of f.
- factories** f. would close down
- factory** pubic hair f.
- facts** f. are on expenses  
Get your f. first  
politics consists in ignoring f.
- faculties** merely lose their f.
- fail** f., in good spirits  
try to f. better
- failed** f. his practical  
men who have f.  
most editors are f. writers  
you f. miserably
- fails** nothing f. like failure  
When all else f.
- failure** been a f. in life  
f. he is one of God's children  
f. may be your style  
twentieth-century f.
- faint** when you're f.
- fair** short-legged sex the f. sex
- fairy** loves a f. when she's forty
- faith** great act of f.  
It's a jolly friendly f.
- faithful** seldom strictly f.
- fall** chance that you will f. out  
Did he f. or was he pushed  
f. on an icy pavement
- fallen** suffering from f. archness
- false** they'll be f. to you
- falsehoods** furbish f.
- fame** best f.  
Modern f. is nothing  
Oblivion...f.'s eternal
- familiarity** F. breeds contempt
- families** apologizing for our f.  
best-regulated f.  
happy f.  
mothers of large f.
- family** bunker of the f.
- ART 9  
BRITISH 2  
DATING 2  
MEN AND WOMEN 29  
NAMES 19  
ENGLAND 20  
FACES 4  
FACES 12  
ACTING 2  
FACES 11  
FACES 10  
FACES 6  
INSULTS 33  
BOOKS 15  
FACES 8  
APPEARANCE 7  
MODERN LIFE 2  
MODERN LIFE 2  
HYPOCRISY 6  
ART 13  
PARTIES 7  
FILM 2  
COMEDY ROUTINES 10  
SCIENCE 18  
CLASS 24  
DESCRIPTION 13  
NEWSPAPERS 39  
TRUTH 8  
POLITICS 1  
ACADEMIC 5  
SUCCESS 25  
FAILURE 1  
EXAMINATIONS 4  
CRITICS 17  
WRITING 9  
FAILURE 6  
SUCCESS 7  
TECHNOLOGY 1  
FAILURE 9  
SUCCESS 17  
FAILURE 3  
SEX 31  
EATING 6  
MEN AND WOMEN 49  
MIDDLE AGE 6  
GOD 28  
RELIGION 28  
WIVES 4  
MISTAKES 4  
DEATH 29  
HUMOUR 12  
INSULTS 1  
BODY 2  
NEWSPAPERS 7  
FAME 18  
FAME 25  
FAME 7  
FAMILY 34  
FRIENDS 10  
FAMILY 9  
FAMILY 33  
ANIMALS 6  
CHRISTMAS 10



- decencies of f. life  
f. can join in  
f. has a history of diabetes  
f. planning leaflet in the other  
fun for the whole f.  
Insanity runs in my f.  
just a small f. affair  
little less intellect in the f.  
loving, caring, close-knit f.  
spend more time with my f.  
when anyone left the Royal f.
- famine** expert on f.
- famous** Becoming f. has taken  
I'll be f.  
world f.
- fan** duties of the f.  
no greater f. than I  
object to the f. dancer  
president of his own f. club  
state of the football f.
- fancy** young man's f.
- fannies** nannies, grannies and f.
- far** You can see as f. as Marlow
- farce** f. is played out  
wine was a f.
- farm** f. is an irregular patch  
Nixon's f. policy is vague
- farmer** being a f.  
F. will never be happy  
finding a f.'s daughter
- fart** can't f. and chew gum  
Love is the f.
- fashion** base my f. sense on  
When anything becomes the f.
- fast** Isn't it a little f.  
Stealing too f.
- faster** anyone going f. than you  
make more mistakes f.  
other line always moves f.
- fastest** f. time ever run
- fat** cheerful, f. missionary  
f. and proud to be fat  
if you're f., is a minefield  
in every f. man  
Is Elizabeth Taylor f.  
lots of happy f. women  
'til the f. lady sings
- fatal** f. sexually transmitted disease  
deal of it is absolutely f.
- fate** f. is rather like Humpty Dumpty's  
F. cannot harm me  
F. was quietly slipping the lead
- father** Art thou his f.  
bastard on F.'s Day  
bed fell on my f.  
called F. by everyone  
either my f. or my mother  
f. told me all about  
f. was a dragon  
f. was so ignorant  
wise f.
- fathers** My f. can have it
- fathom** f. the inscrutable
- FAMILY 37  
FAMILY 15  
CRITICS 16  
ROMANCE 1  
FAMILY LIFE 12  
MENTAL HEALTH 7  
WEDDINGS 12  
INTELLIGENCE 15  
HAPPINESS 4  
FAMILY 22  
ROYALTY 39  
MUSICIANS 6  
FAME 11  
NAMES 14  
CANADA 9  
BASEBALL 1  
MEN AND WOMEN 30  
HUMAN RACE 9  
PEOPLE 1  
FOOTBALL 10  
LOVE 18  
WOMEN 16  
MISTAKES 12  
LAST WORDS 13  
FOOD 52  
NATURE 18  
SPEECHES 23  
BODY 13  
NATURE 13  
WORDS 3  
PRESIDENTS 13  
LOVE 28  
FASHION 13  
FASHION 11  
ARMED FORCES 17  
BUSINESS 21  
DRIVING 3  
COMPUTERS 12  
MODERN LIFE 4  
UNINTENDED 8  
SECRECY 9  
DIETS 6  
DIETS 8  
BODY 6  
DIETS 9  
MEN AND WOMEN 25  
OPERA 2  
LIFE 33  
VIRTUE 24  
PEOPLE 29  
EATING 12  
MISTAKES 35  
COMEDY ROUTINES 3  
HAPPINESS 1  
FAMILY 32  
CLERGY 1  
PARENTS 16  
MISTAKES 20  
FAMILY 23  
GENERATION GAP 9  
FAMILY 26  
WALES 3  
JUDGES 14
- fatted** last words of the F. Calf
- fattening** immoral, or f.
- fault** anybody's f.  
no f. or flaw  
they think it is their f.
- fava** with some f. beans
- favour** in f. iv dhrink
- favourite** second f. organ
- faxed** proposal which my secretary f.
- FBI** F. are powerless
- fear** At first, you f. you will die  
f. of the Law  
people's number one f.
- fears** what he f. most. Commitment
- feather** Erotic sex, you use a f.  
small f. in my cap  
writes with a f.
- feather-footed** F. through
- feats** opens his mouth and puts his f.
- February** not Puritanism but F.
- fecund** first-rate, the f. rate
- fee** small f. in America
- feed** F. the brute
- feeding** f. off 'I Don't Like Mondays'
- feel** I don't f. worse  
tragedy to those that f.
- feeling** f. you have isn't permanent  
springs from genuine f.
- feelings** in touch with f.
- fees** as they took their F.  
My f. are sufficient punishment  
Whatever f. we earn
- feet** f. are still on the ground  
Kandinsky had f. of Klee  
lost the use of his f.  
step on Lego with bare f.  
talking about f.
- felicity** more f.
- fell** F. half so flat  
not love thee, Dr F.
- fellow** with the f. next door  
women like me, looking for a f.
- female** f. equivalent  
f. llama
- females** eighty mile o' f.
- feminism** F. is the result
- feminist** people call me a f.
- feminists** Militant f., I take my hat off
- fence** colours to the f.
- fermented** drink f. liquids
- ferocious** f. disbelief
- Ferrari** chasing a speeding F.
- ferret** cuddly as a cornered f.
- fertile** to be so f.
- fetish** as a savage approaches his f.
- fetishist** f. who yearns
- fetlocks** f. blowing
- few** say a f. words  
very f. things matter at all
- fickleness** f. of the women I love
- fiction** all forms of f.  
best thing in f.  
f. as if it were a painful duty
- LAST WORDS 2  
HAPPINESS 17  
ACADEMIC 13  
LAW 8  
FAME 17  
FOOD 28  
DRINK 14  
SEX 6  
ROMANCE 3  
SEX 45  
TRAVEL 20  
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SPEECHES 20  
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GENERATION GAP 8  
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ENEMIES 3  
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BODY 5  
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FEMINISM 15  
FEMINISM 7  
CERTAINTY 7  
DRINK 51  
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**fiction** (cont.)

- one form of continuous f.  
Stranger than f.  
what f. means  
work of f.
- fidelity** f. is a very good idea  
f. is not having more than one
- field** loaf with a f. in it
- fields** lies W. C. F.
- fifteen** always f. years older
- fifth** came f. and lost the job
- fifty** f. million Frenchmen  
F. Things To Do Before  
until he's f.
- fight** before the f. begins  
Citizen Army will f.  
f. for freedom  
If I don't f.  
size of the dog in the f.  
Stay up and f.  
strength of character to f.  
went to a f. the other night
- fighting** f. for this woman's honour  
stop f. for it
- figment** like it to say 'f.'
- figure** losing her f. or her face
- file** f. your waste-paper basket
- fill** better than trying to f. them  
knowing how to f. a sweater  
stuff to f. the space
- fills** f. wrong cavity
- film** and that is f.  
deal with the f. lab  
length of a f. should be directly
- filmmaking** no rules in f.
- films** f. were the lowest form
- financial** other beasts: f. worries  
seek f. succour
- Finchley** Lord F. tried
- find** f. out what everyone is doing  
f. out who we were playing  
f. out why a snorer  
f. the way myself  
where does she f. them
- fine** f., strike it out  
OLD CARY GRANT F.
- finest** f. bloody fast bowler
- finger** little f. to become longer  
what chills the f. not a bit
- fingernails** biting your f.  
finished the f.
- finish** draw right to the f.  
start together and f. together  
until I f. talking
- finished** now she's f. with you  
Then he's f.
- Finland** worst food after F.
- fire** f., a little food  
f. has gone out  
I have a f. inside me  
other irons in the f.
- Firenze** COUGHING MYSELF INTO A F.
- fires** Husbands are like f.
- fireside** by his own f.
- first** f. class, and with children  
f. ten million years  
never been born the f. time  
to mistake for the f.-rate
- fish** as old as the f.  
came up with the f.  
f. are having their revenge  
f. needs a bicycle  
He eats a lot of f.  
his intelligence against a f.  
human being and f. can coexist  
judge a f. by its ability  
like f. into a letterbox  
no self-respecting f.  
surrounded by f.  
throw her a f.  
watching f. dart about a pool  
Which of you is having f.
- fishes** Luca Brasi sleeps with the f.
- fishing** f. is a religion  
name given to f.
- fish-knives** Phone for the f., Norman
- fishy** f. about the French
- fit** It isn't f. for humans now
- five** count to f.  
I have wedded f.  
only f. Kings left  
sound like a f.-year-old
- fix** coming to f. the show  
only sport you can't f.
- fjord** Betty F. Clinic
- flabby** f. redundant figure
- flag** High as a f.
- flair** only f. is in her nostrils
- flamingo** very large f.
- flashes** f. of silence
- flat** Fell half so f.  
how f. he really did want it  
just how f. and empty  
Very f., Norfolk
- flats** can't walk in f.
- flatter** If a man is vain, f.  
they'd be rather f.
- flattered** f. by the censorship
- flattering** you think him worth f.
- flattery** Everyone likes f.  
f. hurts no one  
give them f.  
isn't f. in your case
- flaunt** f. it
- flavour** chewing-gum lose its f.  
gives success its f.
- flaw** no fault or f.
- flea** between a louse and a f.
- fleas** smaller f. to bite 'em
- fleet** F.'s lit up
- flesh** delicate white human f.  
have more f.  
makes man and wife one f.
- flies** f., floats, or fornicates
- flooded** STREETS F. PLEASE ADVISE
- floor** lie on the f.
- HOME 20  
TRAVEL 2  
PAST 1  
RELIGION 64  
WRITING 21  
PARTIES 1  
FOOD 38  
ANIMALS 12  
WOMEN 10  
INTELLIGENCE 18  
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UNINTENDED 6  
MIND 2  
FILM PRODUCERS 11  
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FISHING 5  
SOCIETY 3  
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CONVERSATION 24  
CRITICS 2  
CRITICS 3  
AMERICA 4  
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PRAISE 12  
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DRUNKENNESS 7



put diamonds on the f. table near the f.	EXERCISE 10 RESTAURANTS 5	explorer who first sets f. upon Forty-second F.	TRAVEL 24 ARMED FORCES 14
<b>floozie</b> f. in the jacuzzi	ART 3	four f. Pole you wouldn't want	FILM PRODUCERS 14
<b>flopping</b> f. yourself down	FAMILY 8	One square f. less	OFFICE LIFE 2
<b>flowers</b> fox is a wolf who sends f. man brings his wife f. men bearing f. sending f. is a way silk suit who sends f. wild f., and Prime Ministers	MEN 34 MEN 17 GIFTS 7 GIFTS 2 FILM PRODUCERS 7 PRIME MINISTERS 5	silver f. in his mouth	PRESIDENTS 21 WOMEN 24
<b>flu</b> Beware of f.	THEATRE 20	<b>football</b> excuse not to play f. F. and cookery f. crazy F. is a simple game F.'s football F., wherein is like he does a f. no longer be a f. playing f. is a lot easier Queen Mother of f. spell f., never mind understand it state of the f. fan think f. is a matter three games of f. when I played f.	FOOTBALL 24 FOOTBALL 14 FOOTBALL 13 FOOTBALL 4 FOOTBALL 7 FOOTBALL 6 FOOTBALL 5 FOOTBALL 26 FOOTBALL 22 FOOTBALL 11 FOOTBALL 10 FOOTBALL 21 SPORTS 7
<b>fluid</b> get some f. and embalm	PARTIES 16		APPEARANCE 15
<b>fly</b> afraid to f. since her harrowing f. fishing is high church f. to attempt to cross it f. which had been trained made the f. show the f. the way out	SNOBBERY 1 FISHING 1 FACES 7 HANDWRITING 1 ANIMALS 21 PHILOSOPHY 15		PHILOSOPHY 14 MEN AND WOMEN 6
<b>focus</b> F. groups are people who	BUSINESS 1	<b>footnotes</b> f. to Plato	EXERCISE 1
<b>foe</b> find a f.	FRIENDS 12	<b>footprint</b> looking for a man's f.	LAW 18
<b>fogs</b> insular country subject to f.	POLITICS 18	<b>footwear</b> head around the f.	FAMILY LIFE 13
<b>fold</b> f. it over and put it	ECONOMICS 11	<b>forbids</b> if the law f. it	BRITISH 10
<b>Folies-Bergère</b> goes to the F.	MENTAL HEALTH 11	<b>force</b> fasteners do not respond to f. Other nations use f.	FILM PRODUCERS 16
<b>folk</b> All music is f. music incest and f.-dancing you know 600 f. songs	MUSIC 4 SEX 10 UNINTENDED 18	<b>ford</b> I mean John F.	GOLF 3
<b>follies</b> f. which a man regrets most	MEN 26	<b>fore</b> shout 'F.' when	DRINK 10
<b>followed</b> she very seldom f. it	ADVICE 5	<b>foreign</b> aftertaste of f. food contempt for every thing f. f. conductors f. picture award in a f. language	TRAVEL 6 MUSICIANS 5
<b>follows</b> lie f.	APOLOGY 4		FILM PRODUCERS 17
<b>folly</b> f. of 'Woman's Rights'	FEMINISM 14	<b>foreigner</b> lost on the f.	PARENTS 11
<b>font</b> portable, second-hand f.	CLERGY 9	<b>foreigners</b> f. are fiends	HUMOUR 23
<b>food</b> aftertaste of foreign f. f. a tragedy f. enough for a week f. I ate and not the show favourite f. is seconds It was the f. much cook as assassinate f. problem is f. worst f. after Finland	DRINK 10 FOOD 52 ANIMALS 18 CRITICS 23 DIETS 9 RESTAURANTS 4 COOKERY 15 MONEY 11 COOKERY 9 POETS 15 AGE 16 BETTING 7 MONEY 14 NATURE 18 FISHING 4 FOOLISHNESS 6 DRINK 15 KISSING 3 RELIGION 51 MARRIAGE 78 INSULTS 12 ROYALTY 33 POLITICS 40 FOOLISHNESS 12 FOOLISHNESS 2 FOOLISHNESS 14 HUSBANDS 29 ACADEMIC 10 MARRIAGE 22 MARRIAGE 56 FOOLISHNESS 1 MISTAKES 17	<b>foreseen</b> no doubt have f. <b>forest</b> f. laments <b>foretell</b> f. what is going to happen <b>forget</b> f. to give me presents I never f. a face I sometimes f. <b>forgive</b> Don't f. and never forget do they f. them f. somebody for something F., O Lord good Lord will f. me never quite f. the British woman who can't f. <b>forgiven</b> woman has f. her man <b>forgiving</b> f. one's enemies <b>forgot</b> f. to tell us why <b>forgotten</b> f. who ties up whom think I've f. this before <b>fork</b> f. in a world of soup f. in his inexperienced hand using a f. <b>formal</b> Wearing underwear is as f. <b>fornicates</b> flies, floats, or f. <b>Forster</b> F. never gets any further <b>forties</b> Men in their f. are like <b>fortissimo</b> F. at last <b>fortune</b> f. empties her chamberpot good f. to others	COUNTRIES 21 PARANORMAL 5 PRIME MINISTERS 14 POLITICIANS 9 GIFTS 3 INSULTS 33 ROYALTY 14 ADVICE 9 CHILDREN 35 MARRIAGE 18 GOD 25 ROYALTY 7 SCOTLAND 4 RELATIONSHIPS 9 RELATIONSHIPS 4 ENEMIES 9 ANIMALS 21 SEX 62 MIND 14 PEOPLE 15 EATING 13 MANNERS 3 FASHION 9 MONEY 10 WRITERS 27 MEN 6 MUSIC 30 SATISFACTION 4 MISTAKES 8
<b>fool</b> every f. is not a poet f. a flight of stairs f. and his money f. and his money are soon parted f. and his wife f. at the other f. for at least five minutes f. with booze let a kiss f. you Prove to me that you're no f. that does not marry a f. trying to make a f. of him			
<b>foolish</b> He never said a f. thing inadvertently said something f. saying a f. thing			
<b>foolproof</b> f. items			
<b>fools</b> all the f. in town f. are as like husbands learning to tolerate f. leaves 'em still two f. see these poor f. decoyed tolerate f.			
<b>foot</b> caught my f. in the mat			



**fortune** (cont.)

in possession of a good f.  
little value of f.  
rob a lady of her f.

**forty** f.-nine plus VAT

Life begins at f.  
loves a fairy when she's f.  
one passes f.

**forward** looking f. to the past**foul** really f. things up**founding** f. a bank**fountain** f.-pen filler**four** at the age of f.

F. legs good

**fourteen** Wilson requires F. Points**fourteenth** f. Mr Wilson**fourth** full of f.-rate writers**fowl** liver-wing of a f.**fowls** f. for dissenters**fox** gentlemen galloping after a f.  
metaphysical f.**fox-hunting** inferior forms of f.  
prefer f.**frailty** therefore more f.**framed** f. and glazed**France** Everything is easier in F.

F. is a country

F. is the only place

F. we are fighting for

take back to F.

**Francesca di Rimini** F., miminy, piminy**Francis** Like dear St F.**frank** many f. words**Frankenstein** F. get married**frankly** F., my dear**frappé** now completely f.**fraternizing** f. with the enemy**Frazier** F. is so ugly**freak** ticket to the f. show**freckles** Love, curiosity, f., and doubt**Fred** Here lies F.**free** bring it to you, f.

favours f. speech

f. in America

F. your mind

I'm f.

in favour of f. expression

This is a f. country

**freedom** as f. fries

fight for f.

F. of the press

F. of the press in Britain

**French** answering you in F.

Englishman is about to talk F.

fishy about the F.

F., they say, live to eat

F. are always too wordy

F. are masters

F./British relationship

F. for bullshit

F. fry potatoes

F. Revolution

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F. widow in every bedroom

how it's improved her F.

not too F. French bean

prefer to travel on F. ships

serve the F.

Speak in F.

trouble with the F.

**Frenchman** Englishman to a F.**Frenchmen** fifty million F.

What asses these F. are

**frenzy** f. closely related to delirium**fresh** What f. hell is this**Freud** trouble with F.**friend** become a man's f.

breaking it in for a f.

Diamonds are a girl's best f.

find a f.

f. is not standing

goodnatured f.

having an old f. for dinner

man's best f.

my f. Evelyn Waugh

probably somebody's old f.

Reagan for his best f.

takes his f. to the party

want a f. in Washington

Whenever a f. succeeds

your enemy and your f.

**friends** at all her f.

Champagne for my real f.

couldn't buy f.

descendants Outnumber your f.

deserting one's f.

Family F. are a bit too numerous

f. all over the world

f. are true

F. come and go

f. except two

f. in both places

f. who took exercise

F. who give you erections

keep your eye on your f.

lay down his f.

nearly deceiving your f.

none of his f.

not always the best of f.

no true f. in politics

only two f.

Seek younger f.

two real f.

your three best f.

**friendship** degree of f. called slight

sort of f.

swear eternal f.

**fries** as freedom f.**frighten** f. the horses

by God, they f. me

**frightening** feminist is about f. men**Frigidaire** popped him in the F.**frilly** Hope is a f., pink dress**frivolity** how precious is f.**frivolous** Memoirs of the f.**frock** history of that f.

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<b>frocks</b> f. are built	FASHION 18	<b>gaining</b> Something may be g.	BASEBALL 8
<b>frog</b> Expiring f.	DEATH 20	<b>gall</b> lost your g. bladder	MEDICINE 23
<b>frogs</b> details of the pulse rate of f. If cats looked like f. nothing to do with f.' legs	MEMORY 6 CATS 8	<b>gallantry</b> What men call g.	SEX 27
<b>Frosties</b> F. are just cornflakes for	FOOD 33	<b>galleon</b> Stately as a g.	DANCE 3
<b>frozen</b> show is f.	FOOD 6	<b>gallows</b> upon the g. or of the pox	COMEBACKS 15
<b>fruit</b> delicate exotic f. knowing a tomato is a f. Old Trafford f. machine	SONGS 8 IGNORANCE 6 DEFINITIONS 6	<b>gamble</b> Life is a g.	LIFE 34
<b>frying</b> f. pan of your words	FOOTBALL 5	<b>game</b> big g. hunting g. at which only one g. which takes less latest popular g. no g. from bridge to cricket only a g. parody is a g. Take me out to the ball g. wouldn't be the g. it is	BIOGRAPHY 3 ACADEMIC 12 BASEBALL 9 FAMILY 15 SPORTS 24 BASEBALL 10 HUMOUR 15 BASEBALL 7 FOOTBALL 4
<b>Fuchs</b> F. off to south ice	WRITERS 19	<b>gamekeeper</b> life of an English g.	CRITICS 50
<b>fuck</b> couldn't write 'f.' Oh f., not another elf! They f. you up, your mum and dad	HEADLINES 2 CRITICS 10 LITERATURE 8 PARENTS 9	<b>gamut</b> g. of the emotions	ACTORS 27
<b>fulfilment</b> image of f.	RELIGION 41	<b>Gandhi</b> [G.] knew the cost G. was everything	POVERTY 6
<b>fuller's earth</b> true f.	MONEY 18	<b>gangsters</b> always acted like g.	HOLLYWOOD 17
<b>fun</b> drinking so you're more f. f. for the whole family Have f. just too damned much f. more f. than fun most f. I ever had no reference to f. still think blondes have more f.	DRINK 24 FAMILY LIFE 12 LIFESTYLE 1 RETIREMENT 2 WORK 8 SEX 3 GOVERNMENT 11 BIRTH 7 BODY 4	<b>garage</b> sitting in a g. can make you	DIPLOMACY 7
<b>function</b> part of their f.	SATISFACTION 5	<b>garbo</b> unwelcoming Greta G.	MUSICIANS 1
<b>fundament</b> frigid on the f.	PHILOSOPHY 16	<b>garden</b> g., however small man and a woman in a g. wear perfume in the g.	RELIGION 1
<b>fundamentally</b> He is f. unsound	POLITICS 2	<b>gardeners</b> grim g.	FILM STARS 11
<b>funds</b> campaign f. from the rich	FOOTBALL 26	<b>garlic</b> clove of g. round my neck G. bread—it's the future no such thing as a little g.	GARDENS 1 BIBLE 6 FASHION 14 GARDENS 7
<b>funeral</b> easier than directing a f. f. is the only gathering next day there's a f. nothing like a morning f. refused to attend his f. singing at my f. upon him for the f.	FUNERALS 1 MEDICINE 32 FUNERALS 5 DEATH 57 FUNERALS 6 DEATH 30 HUMOUR 18	<b>garter</b> G., darling, can't you be <b>gas</b> as if I had g. on the stomach G. smells awful Had silicon been a g.	POLITICIANS 25 FOOD 32 FOOD 8 WIT 47 MUSIC 24 DEATH 44 EXAMINATIONS 8
<b>funny</b> Everything is f. f. man or a great boss F.-peculiar hard to be f. It's a f. old world saw anything so f.	MANAGEMENT 4 HUMOUR 10 HUMOUR 25 LIFE 11 ACTORS 17 DRESS 17 OLD AGE 12 SNOBBERY 8 HOME 23 BOOKS 21 ANIMALS 16 HOME 21 PHILOSOPHY 8 LANGUAGES 24 FOOTBALL 7 WAR 7	<b>gastric</b> functioning of the g. juices <b>gauze</b> shoot her through g. <b>gay</b> g. or not I think that g. marriage so g., He can't wait support g. marriage	PARTIES 17 FILM STARS 2 FOOTBALL 17 UNINTENDED 14 ROYALTY 32 MARRIAGE 34 MONEY 8 CRITICS 4 COUNTRIES 10 MUSICIANS 6 GOD 10 MEN AND WOMEN 38 ARMED FORCES 26 PARTIES 10 ARMED FORCES 8 ARMED FORCES 25 SNOBBERY 7 MANNERS 16 HEROES 4 ECONOMICS 12 SEX 20 THEATRE 18 SUCCESS 23 PEOPLE 27 INTELLIGENCE 8 INTELLIGENCE 6 INTELLIGENCE 17 BORES 4 INTELLIGENCE 11
<b>fur</b> F. is a subject		<b>gazelle</b> love a dear g.	
<b>furnace</b> gone out in the f.		<b>geeks</b> Beware g. bearing scripts	
<b>furniture</b> buy all his f. cumbersome f. No f. so charming on the dining room f. twice as much f.		<b>geisha</b> Get yourself a G. <b>Geldof</b> G. is such an expert	
<b>further</b> looks bigger the f. away		<b>gender</b> get My g. right	
<b>furtive</b> look of f. shame		<b>general</b> g. called Anthea G. was essentially host is like a g.	
<b>fury</b> beastly f.		<b>generals</b> my other g. we're all G.	
<b>futile</b> f. gesture at this stage		<b>generation</b> Poland to polo in one g.	
<b>future</b> about the f. especially about the f. Garlic bread—it's the f. He has a f. never think of the f.		<b>generations</b> g. of inbreeding	
<b>Gaelic</b> something under its breath in G.		<b>Genghis</b> G. Khan was not exactly lovable world to G. Khan	
<b>gaffe</b> terrible social g.		<b>genitals</b> G. are a great distraction make my g. quiver	
<b>gaiety</b> g. is a striped shroud		<b>genius</b> g. is like a marksman g. with the IQ of a moron G. is one percent Men of g. are so few nothing to declare except my g. stronger than g. talent and g.	
<b>gaily</b> G. into Ruislip Gardens			
<b>gainful</b> happily known as g. employment			



- geniuses** g. are devoid of humour
- gentleman** being a g.  
Every other inch a g.  
g. is someone who can play  
g. never eats  
g....Someone who can  
He was a g.  
I am a g.  
teach you to be a g.
- gentlemanly** worry g. ideas
- gentlemen** beastly game played by g.  
behave like g.  
G. do not take soup  
G. never wear  
most of the g. does
- genuine** springs from g. feeling
- geography** feel like the g. teacher  
G. is about Maps  
teaching Americans g.
- George** G.—don't do that  
G. the Third  
give the ball to G.
- Georgian** G. silver goes
- geriatric** five years in the g. ward  
g. set  
What's a g.
- German** G. footballer  
G. soldier trying to violate  
G. spoken underwater  
performed for G. literature  
Speak G.  
than one G. adjective  
Waiting for the G. verb
- Germans** at the end, the G. win  
beastly to the G.  
G. are extremely diligent  
Not all G. believe in God  
They're G.
- Germany** G. doesn't want
- germs** get enough g. to catch
- gerund** Save the g.
- gesture** futile g. at this stage
- get** g. where I am today
- Gettysburg** where G. lived
- ghastly** G. good taste
- ghost** never mind Banquo's g.
- gibberish** printed g. all over it
- gibbon** Eh! Mr G.
- Gibson** Mel G. could play a Scot  
next man is Mel G.
- gift** get in through the g. shop  
Guilt: the g. that keeps on
- gifts** most minor of g.  
their guilt g.
- giggles** girls got the g.
- Gilbert** That must be G.
- gin** flavour of g.  
get out the g.  
g. will make them run  
G. was mother's milk  
such as g.  
two g.-and-limes
- girder** Joist and a G.
- SPEECHES** 22
- CLASS** 21
- INSULTS** 56
- CHARACTER** 1
- CLASS** 1
- CLASS** 16
- POVERTY** 9
- SOCIETY** 11
- ACADEMIC** 14
- CHAMPAGNE** 7
- SPORTS** 5
- WOMEN** 27
- CLASS** 6
- COLOURS** 3
- ACADEMIC** 16
- POETRY** 19
- ECONOMICS** 12
- BIOGRAPHY** 2
- WAR** 3
- COMEDY ROUTINES** 11
- MISTAKES** 6
- FOOTBALL** 2
- POLITICS** 32
- HAPPINESS** 9
- FUNERALS** 9
- FOOTBALL** 15
- FOOTBALL** 15
- SEX** 67
- LANGUAGES** 1
- LITERATURE** 10
- LANGUAGES** 17
- LANGUAGES** 22
- LANGUAGES** 15
- FOOTBALL** 13
- COUNTRIES** 8
- COUNTRIES** 11
- ECONOMICS** 6
- COUNTRIES** 5
- PAST** 4
- KISSING** 1
- LANGUAGE** 18
- WAR** 7
- COMEDY ROUTINES** 16
- READING** 2
- ARCHITECTURE** 3
- ACTORS** 4
- EDUCATION** 1
- WRITING** 11
- ACTORS** 3
- PEOPLE** 16
- WAR** 17
- MORALITY** 1
- ACTING** 15
- GIFTS** 1
- POETS** 5
- WIT** 24
- DRINK** 10
- DRINK** 40
- DRESS** 4
- DRINK** 44
- DRINK** 51
- SICKNESS** 15
- WIT** 5
- girdle** helps you with your g.
- girl** Diamonds are a g.'s best friend  
nice g.'s ambition  
Now you can't say 'g.'  
When I'm not near the g. I love  
You take the g.
- girls** At g. who wear glasses  
both were crazy about g.  
g. I liked  
g. I want telephone numbers  
G. are just friends  
In Little G.  
knowingness of little g.  
social security, not g.  
Watching all the g. go by
- give** g. a war and nobody will come  
g. them ours  
g. the public something
- GKC** poor G.
- glad** are you just g. to see me
- Gladstone** G. may perspire  
G....spent his declining years  
If G. fell into the Thames  
sitting next to Mr G.
- glamour** G. is on a life-support  
Gives the place a bit of g.
- Glasgow** passed through G.  
play the old G. Empire
- glass** g.-bottomed boat  
g. is always half empty  
in a dirty g.  
panes of g. with its claws  
Satire is a sort of g.  
take a g. of wine
- glasses** At girls who wear g.  
wears dark g.
- gloat** Call Uncle Teddy and g.
- Glyn** sin with Elinor G.
- gnu** look his g. in the face
- go** all g. together  
as cooks g.  
delighted to see them g.  
g. away at any rate  
g. in long enough after  
I g.  
Let my people g.  
One of us must g.  
when you have to g. there
- goad** g. the BBC
- goal** g. they finally got  
Woman's place was in the g.
- goalkeeper** g., defence, attack
- goals** scoring three g.
- goblins** head full of g.
- God** All G.'s children are not beautiful  
believe in G.  
By G. what a site  
choose A Jewish G.  
decides he is not G.  
don't believe in G.  
don't do G.  
don't think G. comes well
- HUSBANDS** 23
- JEWELLERY** 5
- AMBITION** 1
- PROGRESS** 6
- LOVE** 19
- PREJUDICE** 1
- MEN AND WOMEN** 41
- SEX** 53
- FASHION** 5
- PEOPLE** 5
- MEN AND WOMEN** 61
- CHILDREN** 4
- CHILDREN** 22
- SEX** 64
- MEN AND WOMEN** 34
- WAR** 22
- GOVERNMENT** 16
- FUNERALS** 10
- EPITAPHS** 15
- MEN AND WOMEN** 57
- PRIME MINISTERS** 14
- IRELAND** 7
- MISTAKES** 13
- CONVERSATION** 1
- APPEARANCE** 9
- RELIGION** 35
- TOWNS** 3
- HUMOUR** 7
- HOLLYWOOD** 14
- OPTIMISM** 3
- DRINK** 37
- MUSIC** 7
- SELF-KNOWLEDGE** 22
- HOME** 20
- MEN AND WOMEN** 41
- FAME** 1
- PRESIDENTS** 16
- SEX** 11
- ENGLAND** 43
- COUNTRIES** 19
- COOKERY** 21
- CHILDREN** 33
- ROYALTY** 3
- MUSIC** 48
- COMEDY ROUTINES** 19
- CRITICS** 33
- DEATH** 62
- HOME** 10
- TELEVISION** 10
- FOOTBALL** 9
- FEMINISM** 2
- PRIME MINISTERS** 38
- FOOTBALL** 15
- TAXES** 11
- HUMAN RACE** 5
- GOD** 19
- AUSTRALIA** 7
- GOD** 12
- GOD** 28
- GOD** 20
- GOD** 14
- BIBLE** 7



find G. by tomorrow	GOD 29	They christened their game g.	SCOTLAND 5
G. and Mammon	GOD 38	too young to take up g.	MIDDLE AGE 1
G. and the doctor we alike adore	RELIGION 48	<b>gone</b> g. to join Tom	EPITAPHS 7
G. Calls me God	GOVERNMENT 25	<b>gongs</b> struck regularly, like g.	MEN AND WOMEN 11
G. can stand being told	GOD 36	<b>good</b> anything g. to say	GOSSIP 6
G. caught his eye	EPITAPHS 17	as g. as you're going to feel	DRINK 34
G. did nothing	GOD 11	automatically g. for you	ENGLAND 23
G. does exist	GOD 21	better to be g.	BEAUTY 9
G. does have a sense	FACES 6	don't know if you're any g.	SONGS 11
g. for is premature ejaculation	RELIGION 11	get g. government	GOVERNMENT 17
G. has written all the books	BIBLE 1	g. all the time	HYPOCRISY 11
G. is a bore	GOD 33	g. as his parts	ACTING 35
G. is a man	RELIGION 42	g. ended happily	BOOKS 29
G. is a Republican	POLITICAL PARTIES 12	g. in the country	NATURE 21
G. is my judge	JUDGES 3	g. is not the word	CRITICS 7
G. is not dead	GOD 5	g. pair of shoes	ADVICE 8
G. is silent	GOD 4	G. old Broadstairs	HOLIDAYS 4
G. made the country	NATURE 7	G. Thing	BRITISH 7
G. Must think it	GOD 30	I could be a g. woman	VIRTUE 17
G. was certainly not orthodox	GOD 39	It used to be a g. hotel	TRAVEL 31
G. was left out	GOD 42	It was g. enough for Grandma	WOMEN 18
G. will know	EPITAPHS 15	makes me feel g.	DRINK 29
G. will not always	GOD 13	nothing g. to be had	NATURE 11
G. will pardon me	GOD 27	original g. time	INSULTS 54
grace of God, goes G.	POLITICIANS 10	sit on G. Friday	JUDGES 8
I cannot quite believe in G.	RELIGION 30	such a g. shot	DEATH 17
if G. had been his wife	GOD 35	to be thought half as g.	MEN AND WOMEN 60
If G. had wanted us to	EXERCISE 10	too g. to become your mistress	ROYALTY 38
I might have become a G.	RELIGION 53	we must return g. for evil	MORALITY 18
know you're G.	GOD 9	What earthly g.	MEN AND WOMEN 42
[My] client—G.—is in no hurry	ARCHITECTURE 7	What's the g.	HOME 12
odd of G.	GOD 22	When he said a g. thing	QUOTATIONS 13
one G. only	GOD 17	When I'm g.	VIRTUE 18
one of G.'s children	SUCCESS 17	would be a g. idea	PROGRESS 5
only G. is watching him	GOLF 11	<b>goodbye</b> G., moralitee	ART 15
Thanks to G., I am still	RELIGION 14	heard it once, it said g.	MONEY 2
thinks he's G. Almighty	PEOPLE 14	<b>goodnight</b> g., Gracie	COMEDY ROUTINES 12
what the Lord G. thinks of money	WEALTH 1	it's g. from him	COMEDY ROUTINES 24
work with what G. sends	WRITING 10	<b>goose</b> quill back in my g.	WRITING 2
Your folks are like G.	PARENTS 12	<b>gorgeous</b> g. voice	ACTORS 16
Yours faithfully, G.	GOD 6	<b>gorilla</b> get the g. in Manila	BOXING 2
<b>goddamm</b> Lhude sing G.	WEATHER 11	<b>gossip</b> g. columnist's business	GOSSIP 4
<b>Godiva</b> If she'd played Lady G.	FACES 3	<b>got</b> If you've g. it	COMEDY ROUTINES 18
<b>gods</b> board of g.	GOD 34	<b>Goth</b> G. swaggering around Rome	NEWSPAPERS 18
Whom the g. wish to destroy	SUCCESS 6	<b>gourmet</b> g. can tell	FOOD 11
<b>Goering</b> G.'s excuse for being late	SPORTS 32	g. who thinks of calories	FOOD 10
<b>going</b> keeps me g.	COMEDY ROUTINES 23	One must be a sexual g.	SEX 75
know you are g. away	PARTIES 3	<b>gout</b> give them the g.	ENEMIES 6
<b>gold</b> G. Cup week	HOUSE OF LORDS 3	<b>govern</b> g. a country	FRANCE 4
half as g. as green	PUNS 6	<b>government</b> abolish g.	GOVERNMENT 20
so much g. in your pockets	PUBLISHING 12	Every g.	DEMOCRACY 10
those who have the g.	MONEY 4	get good g.	GOVERNMENT 17
worth their weight in g.	WEALTH 23	g. by discussion	DEMOCRACY 1
<b>golden</b> lays the g. egg	FILM PRODUCERS 5	g. get out of war	WAR 12
live by the G. rule	MONEY 4	g. of laws	GOVERNMENT 13
live in a G. Age	OPTIMISM 4	G. and public opinion	ENGLAND 34
<b>goldfish</b> name you give your g.	NAMES 10	G. I despise	GOVERNMENT 14
<b>golf</b> American people than g.	TAXES 13	I'm from the g.	GOVERNMENT 21
better he plays g.	GOLF 9	man who understands g.	POLITICIANS 33
G. is a good walk	GOLF 8	no law or g.	GOVERNMENT 2
G....is the infallible test	GOLF 11	Overthrow the G.	BUREAUCRACY 7
protest against g.	CRICKET 6	weather is like the G.	WEATHER 6
Sunningdale G. Club	AWARDS 9	whole g. working for you	HUMOUR 19



<b>governor</b> Stewart for g. g. is bound to ask you	FILM STARS 15	<b>green</b> big g. one out there	FOOTBALL 25
<b>goyim</b> g. Annoy 'im	CLASS 13	g. about the gills	DRUGS 5
<b>grabs</b> Benn g. child	GOD 7	g. belt was a labour idea	ARCHITECTURE 11
<b>grace</b> g. is sometimes better There but for the g. of God	HEADLINES 8	g. thing that stands in	NATURE 4
<b>Gracie</b> goodnight, G.	MARRIAGE 21	G. with lust	ROYALTY 6
<b>grades</b> into four g.	POLITICIANS 10	just as g.	GARDENS 2
<b>graffiti</b> No g.	COMEDY ROUTINES 12	<b>grew</b> when I g. up	GENERATION GAP 10
<b>grammar</b> don't want to talk g. talking bad g.	EDUCATION 20	<b>grey</b> g. around the underwear region	BRITISH 3
<b>Grammarians</b> Conan the G.	COUNTRIES 15	<b>grievance</b> Scotsman with a g.	SCOTLAND 10
<b>grammatical</b> seven g. errors	CLASS 20	<b>grill</b> not to look like a mixed g.	APPEARANCE 11
<b>grand</b> Ain't it g.	LAST WORDS 3	<b>grindstone</b> nose to the g.	IDLENESS 6
<b>Grand Canyon</b> rose petal down the G.	ACADEMIC 11	<b>gristle</b> Cuddling up to a piece of g.	BODY 23
<b>grandchild</b> fourteenth g.	EPITAPHS 8	<b>grocer</b> photograph of the G.	DIPLOMACY 13
<b>grandchildren</b> G. don't make a man grandparents and g. get along	DEATH 51	<b>groom</b> disappearance of the g. Including the bride and g.	WEDDINGS 13
<b>granddaughter</b> seventh g.	POETRY 13	<b>grooves</b> In predestinate g.	WEDDINGS 9
<b>grandiose</b> taste for the g.	BIRTH 8	<b>gross</b> g. habits with my net income	TRANSPORT 12
<b>grandma</b> It was good enough for G.	AGE 4	<b>grosser</b> your g. reminiscences	MONEY 15
<b>grandmother</b> g. took a bath married to a g. wants to marry your g. We have become a g.	FAMILY LIFE 8	<b>Grosvenor</b> violence in G. Square	LETTERS 14
<b>grandparents</b> g. and grandchildren get along	BIRTH 8	<b>grotesque</b> meaning of the word g.	EDUCATION 23
	AGE 4	<b>Groucho</b> Marxist—of the G. tendency	WIT 46
<b>grannies</b> nannies, g. and fannies	MARRIAGE 47	<b>ground</b> worship the g.	POLITICS 3
<b>grape</b> how to jump on a g. peel me a g.	UNINTENDED 17	<b>grouse</b> make a g. do for six	DATING 15
<b>grapefruit</b> g. deserves all the credit g. throughout the day		<b>grovelled</b> g. before him	CLASS 16
<b>grapes</b> Defectors are like g.		<b>grow</b> never g. out of it	SNOBBERY 20
<b>grass</b> Keep off the g. shit on g.		<b>growing</b> price to pay for g. up	ARMED FORCES 25
<b>gratitude</b> G. is not a normal feature		<b>grown-ups</b> G. never	MIDDLE AGE 10
<b>gratuitous</b> is the most g.		<b>gruntled</b> far from being g.	GENERATION GAP 4
<b>grave</b> g. yawns for him kind of healthy g.		<b>guaranteed</b> g. only to those	SATISFACTION 9
<b>gravel</b> fished out of a g. pit		<b>guardian</b> reading <i>The G.</i>	CENSORSHIP 8
<b>graves</b> dig our g. with our teeth g. of little magazines		<b>guess</b> g. what a man is going to do In disease Medical Men g.	FOOTBALL 17
<b>gravitation</b> eminence by sheer g.		<b>guesses</b> correctly g. a woman's age	DANCE 7
<b>gravy</b> person who disliked g.		<b>guests</b> g. are so pleased to feel hosts and g.	MEDICINE 22
<b>great</b> All my shows are g. Behind every g. man every g. woman has had feeling that he is g. g. being a priest know he is not a g. man Leonard, we know you're g. some men are born g. think him g. Whenever he met a g. man		<b>guile</b> squat, and packed with g.	MEN 4
<b>greater</b> G. love		<b>guilt</b> G.: the gift that keeps on their g. gifts	HOME 17
<b>greatly</b> g. to his credit		<b>guilty</b> g. never escape unscathed	PARTIES 4
<b>greatness</b> g. thrust upon them some achieve g.		<b>guineas</b> two hundred g.	TOWNS 6
<b>greed</b> swallow with g.		<b>Guinness</b> G., sarcasm and late nights G. makes you drunk	MORALITY 1
<b>Greek</b> half G., half Latin is G. for 'men'. No G.; as much Latin original G.		<b>guitar</b> play the g. with your teeth thirty-seven dollars and a Jap g.	GIFTS 1
		<b>gulf</b> G. War was like teenage sex	LAWYERS 1
		<b>gum</b> chew g. at the same time	ART 45
		<b>gun</b> g. across the Savoy Grill Is that a g. in your pocket with a miniature machine g. wrong end of a g.	IRELAND 6
		<b>Gunga</b> G. Din	DRUNKENNESS 2
		<b>guns</b> G. aren't lawful g. don't kill people if only the deer had g. loaded g. with boys	MUSICIANS 11
		<b>guts</b> Spill your g. at Wimbledon	MUSICIANS 9
		<b>gutter</b> you need a g. press	WAR 11
		<b>guy</b> straight sort of g.	PRESIDENTS 13
		<b>gym</b> love to go to the g.	BUSINESS 17
		<b>h</b> even without the h's	MEN AND WOMEN 57
		<b>ha</b> funny h.-ha	LOVE 17
		<b>habit</b> court is just an expensive h.	SPORTS 37
		<b>habit-forming</b> Cocaine h.	PREJUDICE 10
			DEATH 44
			MURDER 7
			SPORTS 16
			SECRECY 4
			TENNIS 3
			NEWSPAPERS 19
			SELF-KNOWLEDGE 3
			EXERCISE 1
			THEATRE 14
			HUMOUR 10
			LAW 21
			DRUGS 3



<b>habits</b> have other nasty h.	POETS 6	<b>hang-glide</b> h. over the Falklands	APPEARANCE 19
<b>hack</b> some government h.	GOVERNMENT 13	<b>hanging</b> h. prevents a bad marriage	MARRIAGE 63
<b>hacks</b> Efficient h. are very rare	NEWSPAPERS 1	H. is too good	CRIME 17
<b>had</b> been h. by all	INSULTS 54	H. is too good for a man	PUNS 1
WE ALL KNEW YOU H. IT IN YOU	TELEGRAMS 14	<b>hangover</b> stop drinking to get a h.	DRUNKENNESS 6
<b>haddock</b> sausage and h.	COOKERY 24	<b>happen</b> foretell what is going to h.	POLITICIANS 9
very large h.	NEWSPAPERS 21	that's not going to h.	COOKERY 20
<b>haemorrhoids</b> Medals, they're like h.	AWARDS 12	<b>happened</b> after they have h.	PAST 13
<b>haikus</b> H. are easy	POETRY 3	what h. to him	ARMED FORCES 6
<b>Hail Marys</b> run the Church on H.	RELIGION 36	<b>happens</b> nothing h., twice	THEATRE 22
<b>hair</b> anything with long h.	MUSICIANS 14	there when it h.	DEATH 1
At fifty I lost my h.	OLD AGE 18	what h. in one day	NEWSPAPERS 35
does her h. with Bovril	ACTORS 8	<b>happily</b> h. a woman may be	MARRIAGE 52
h. in the head is worth	HAIR 6	<b>happiness</b> h. is assured	PAST 5
h. matters	HAIR 3	H. is having a large, loving	HAPPINESS 4
h. of the horse	MUSIC 36	Last Chance Gulch for h.	CHILDREN 30
h. straight from his left armpit	TRUST 5	lifetime of h.	HAPPINESS 12
have their h. done	BEAUTY 8	man in pursuit of h.	HUSBANDS 11
Not having to worry about your h.	HAIR 4	Money won't buy h.	MONEY 36
pubic h. factory	DESCRIPTION 13	not strive after h.	ENGLAND 29
<b>hairpiece</b> not his own h.	APPEARANCE 25	result h.	DEBT 3
<b>hairs</b> think of them as chin h.	APPEARANCE 4	<b>happy</b> drink it when I am h.	CHAMPAGNE 2
<b>hairstyle</b> sense of duty, and her h.	ROYALTY 28	H. as a bastard	HAPPINESS 1
<b>half</b> are cut in h.	ART 1	h. as the dey	PUNS 7
h. mad baronet	PRIME MINISTERS 11	h. families	FAMILY 33
<b>hall</b> room is across the h.	SEX 9	h. New Year	COMEBACKS 14
<b>halo</b> For a h. up in heaven	RELIGION 31	haven't been so h.	BOOKS 25
jealousy with a h.	MORALITY 19	How h. I could be with either	LOVE 14
That's my h.	ACTORS 1	not a h. one	LAW 9
What after all is a h.	RELIGION 25	someone, somewhere, may be h.	RELIGION 38
<b>ham</b> C-3PO made of h.	PRIME MINISTERS 32	will never be h.	NATURE 13
<b>Hamburg</b> hamburger in H.	MISTAKES 27	<b>harassment</b> Sexual h. at work	OFFICE LIFE 10
<b>hamburger</b> slipped on a h.	MISTAKES 27	<b>harbour</b> God made the h.	TOWNS 1
<b>Hamlet</b> Did H. actually sleep	THEATRE 4	<b>hard</b> doing it the h. way	PARANORMAL 8
I'm doing H.	ACTING 30	h. dog to keep	PRESIDENTS 8
want to play H. and Macbeth	ACTORS 19	h. man is good to find	MEN 31
<b>hamsters</b> children love h.	RELATIONSHIPS 7	If law school is so h.	LAWYERS 9
<b>hand</b> h. that lays	FILM PRODUCERS 5	<b>hardback</b> modern h. writer	WRITERS 36
H. that rocked the cradle	DEATH 4	<b>hard-boiled</b> big h. city	TOWNS 8
raise my h.	PARANORMAL 1	h. eggs	CHARACTER 22
<b>handbag</b> bred in a h.	FAMILY 37	<b>Hare Krishna</b> Have you tried H.	RELIGION 15
hitting it with her h.	POWER 1	<b>harem</b> eunuchs in a h.	CRITICS 8
loaded h. of someone	WOMEN 14	<b>hark</b> H.! the herald angels sing	MEDICINE 5
<b>handclasp</b> Where the h.'s firm	FAMILY 19	<b>harlot</b> prerogative of the h.	NEWSPAPERS 20
<b>handicap</b> terrible a h.	ENGLAND 22	<b>harlots</b> Books and h. have their quarrels	BOOKS 2
What is your h.	GOLF 1	<b>harm</b> at least to do no h.	MEDICINE 20
What's your h.	GOLF 2	new ways to h. our country	UNINTENDED 7
<b>handkerchief</b> like a damp h.	FOOD 37	<b>harmless</b> h. drudge	DICTIONARIES 5
scent on a pocket h.	PRIME MINISTERS 27	<b>harp</b> pianoforte is a h. in a box	DEFINITIONS 2
<b>handle</b> doesn't h. very well	HUMAN RACE 13	<b>Harpic</b> As I read the H. tin	OLD AGE 5
<b>hands</b> Holding h. at midnight	LOVE 15	<b>Harrods</b> get if you went to H.	PEOPLE 13
ice on your h.	JEWELLERY 3	<b>Harrow</b> H. man, I expect	EDUCATION 24
into the wrong h.	CENSORSHIP 6	I wish Shelley had been at H.	POETS 8
prize-fighters shaking h.	KISSING 6	<b>Harry</b> Uncle H.'s not a missionary	CLERGY 4
two legs and eight h.	MEN 22	<b>Harvard</b> always tell a H. man	ACADEMIC 1
<b>handsome</b> ugly thinks herself h.	BEAUTY 2	<b>harvesting</b> h. and crop spraying	BODY 13
<b>handstand</b> H. IN SHOWER	TELEGRAMS 19	<b>hash</b> h. up the conversational remains	CONVERSATION 14
<b>handwriting</b> exquisite h.	HANDWRITING 1	<b>haste</b> repent in h.	MARRIAGE 23
in his h.	HANDWRITING 3	<b>hat</b> exactly the right h.	FASHION 24
<b>handy</b> h. and cheap	FAMILY 1	get myself another h.	FASHION 2
<b>hang</b> they h. a man first	LAW 20	Militant feminists, I take my h. off	FEMINISM 7
<b>hangdog</b> shifty, h. look	LANGUAGES 24	<b>hate</b> h. for queers	EPITAPHS 9
<b>hanged</b> h. in a fortnight	DEATH 31		



**hate** (cont.)

h. the things you hate	CHILDREN 15
I h. everyone equally	PREJUDICE 3
I h. men	MEN AND WOMEN 43
I h. music	MUSIC 16
I h. you	COMEDY ROUTINES 15
<b>hated</b> I h. it	ARMED FORCES 15
never h. a man enough	JEWELLERY 4
never been h. by your child	PARENTS 3
<b>hates</b> h. them for it	OPTIMISM 8
man who h. his mother	HUSBANDS 10
<b>hating</b> h., my boy	ENEMIES 8
<b>hatred</b> h. of domestic work	HOME 24
spoil the purity of my h.	POLITICIANS 32
<b>hats</b> so many shocking bad h.	MEMBERS 11
<b>Haughey</b> H. buried at midnight	POLITICIANS 25
<b>haunt</b> certain to h. her	FAMILY 5
<b>having</b> have what she's h.	CHOICE 3
<b>hay</b> eating h.	EATING 6
what h. looks like	NATURE 16
<b>Hays</b> H. is my shepherd	CENSORSHIP 5
<b>he</b> Who's Who to Who's H.	RETIREMENT 3
<b>head</b> body has gone to her h.	PEOPLE 26
for your good h.	BODY 11
h. below water	SUCCESS 33
his brains go to his h.	INSULTS 3
hitting people in the h.	BOXING 6
On my h.	PRIME MINISTERS 22
should have his h. examined	MENTAL HEALTH 4
wrong man's h. off	CRIME 13
<b>headache</b> with a dismal h.	LANGUAGE 8
<b>headless</b> H. Body in Topless Bar	HEADLINES 1
<b>headline</b> h. has not turned up yet	HEADLINES 10
<b>headquarters</b> got his h.	ARMED FORCES 18
<b>heads</b> Assistant h. must roll	MANAGEMENT 1
lay their h. together	INSULTS 48
<b>headstrong</b> h. as an allegory	WIT 44
<b>health</b> good h.—and a bad memory	HAPPINESS 3
H...what my friends are always	SICKNESS 7
<b>healths</b> drink one another's h.	DRINK 25
<b>healthy</b> h. and wealthy	DEATH 54
question of staying h.	SICKNESS 13
<b>hear</b> can't h. it	MUSICIANS 4
can't h. what they say	YOUTH 7
music one must h. several times	OPERA 8
rather h. me drink scotch	SONGS 3
<b>heart</b> beats a h. of stone	SPORTS 19
'CALLOUS' engraved on her h.	WIT 38
die of a h. attack	DIETS 5
fart Of every h.	LOVE 28
Fourteen h. attacks	DEATH 32
get your h.'s desire	HAPPINESS 13
got to have a h. before	SICKNESS 19
h. of stone	CRITICS 48
Irishman's h. is nothing	IRELAND 8
occasional h. attack	SICKNESS 3
way to a man's h.	RELATIONSHIPS 8
What they call 'h.'	BODY 18
woman has given you her h.	WOMEN 39
worst time to have a h. attack	SICKNESS 12
<b>heart-breaks</b> Give me a dozen h.	DIETS 2
<b>hearts</b> H. just as pure	ARISTOCRACY 4
hidden in each other's h.	CHARACTER 6

jining of h. and house-keeping

live on in the h.

Women's h. are like old china

**Heathcliff** like being called H.**heaven** between H. and Hell

h. is pleased to bestow it

H. would be too dull

it's the Hebrew in H.

journey to h.

like going to h.

my idea of h.

Pennies don't fall from h.

place of going to h.

**heavenly** Is it the H. Child**Hebrew** H. in Heaven**Hebrews** H. 13.8**hedge** just share the h.**hedgehogs** H.—why can't they just**heel** instructions printed on the h.**heels** backwards...and in high h. MEN AND WOMEN 55

shoes with high h.

**height** down to my h.

MORE OR LESS THE SAME H.

**Heineken** H. refreshes the parts**Helen** look on H.'s face in hell**hell** Acting is h.

between Heaven and H.

h. is a very large party

H. is full of musical amateurs

H. would not be Hell

I say the h. with it

look on Helen's face in h.

probably re-designed H.

tell you to go to h.

they think it is h.

want to go to H.

What fresh h. is this

would be h. on earth

would I go to h.

**hellhound** h. is always**hello** H. possums**helluva** New York,—a h. town**help** able to h. with the shopping

I'm here to h.

I will h. them there

nobody wants to h. Mom

'O! h. me, heaven,' she prayed

very present h.

you can't h. it

**helped** can't be h.**Hemingway** H. and not seen the joke**hen** gentle useful h.

h. is only an egg's way

**Henery** I'm H. the Eighth, I am**hen-pecked** not h. you all**herald** Hark! the h. angels sing**herbaceous** h. border**herbs** intolerance to h.**herds** H. of wildebeeste**here** I'm still h.**hereditary** Insanity is h.**heresy** Englishman believes be h.**hero** h. is the author

LOVE 10

FAME 2

WOMEN 29

MEN 11

HEAVEN 7

WEALTH 21

EPITAPHS 21

LANGUAGES 8

HEAVEN 1

ECONOMICS 9

HEAVEN 5

MONEY 35

FAME 11

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NATURE 3

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DRESS 7

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Show me a h.	HEROES 1	<b>Hoffa</b> H.'s most valuable	DEATH 38
<b>Herod</b> hour of H.	CHILDREN 16	<b>hog</b> disadvantage of being a h.	ANIMALS 19
<b>heroine</b> when a h. goes mad	MENTAL HEALTH 10	<b>hogamus</b> H., higamous	MARRIAGE 44
<b>heterodoxy</b> another man's h.	MANNERS 26	<b>hokum</b> Of all the h.	CLASS 15
<b>hick</b> Sticks nix h. pix	HEADLINES 4	<b>holding</b> batsman's H.	NAMES 12
<b>hidden</b> h. in each other's hearts	CHARACTER 6	h. his bloody hyphen	NAMES 9
teems with h. meaning	WORDS 8	without h. on	DRUNKENNESS 7
<b>hide</b> doing my best to h. it	LAW 27	<b>hole</b> knows of a better h.	WAR 6
Minister has nothing to h.	PRIME MINISTERS 21	only a h.	BASEBALL 10
<b>hideous</b> bride's h.	WEDDINGS 5	<b>holiday</b> dead on h.	LIFE 23
horrid, h. notes of woe	MISTAKES 10	<b>holidays</b> during the h.	EDUCATION 18
<b>Higgs</b> H. boson walks into a Catholic	SCIENCE 3	earlier h.	HOLIDAYS 8
<b>high</b> h.-water mark	FAMILY 32	<b>holiness</b> like your h.	FRIENDS 5
I'm getting h.	DRINK 11	<b>Holland</b> H...lies so low	COUNTRIES 18
walk along H. Holborn	HOPE 7	<b>Hollywood</b> America H.	HOLLYWOOD 10
<b>highballs</b> Three h. and I think	DRUNKENNESS 8	back in H.	TOWNS 22
<b>highbrow</b> What is a h.	INTELLIGENCE 16	guys know you're in H.	LANGUAGES 17
<b>highland</b> Join a H. regiment	ARMED FORCES 20	H., the Versailles	HOLLYWOOD 18
<b>high-tech</b> h. is that you always	TECHNOLOGY 11	H. film star's ambition	AMBITION 5
<b>highway</b> Thanks to the interstate h.	TRAVEL 18	H. is an Oriental city	HOLLYWOOD 4
<b>hill</b> I'm over the h.	AGE 8	H. is a place	HOLLYWOOD 1
once you're over the h.	AGE 20	H. is a place where	HOLLYWOOD 16
<b>himself</b> more interested in h.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 1	H. is bounded	HOLLYWOOD 5
<b>hindquarters</b> h. ought to be	ARMED FORCES 18	H. is strange	HOLLYWOOD 9
<b>hindsight</b> H. is always twenty-twenty	PAST 20	H. money	HOLLYWOOD 19
<b>hinge</b> cast iron back, with a h.	GARDENS 8	invited to H.	LITERATURE 6
<b>hip</b> never let his left h. know	DANCE 12	Lunch H.-style	HOLLYWOOD 11
<b>hippopotamus</b> h. resolved at any cost	WRITERS 40	not very keen on H.	HOLLYWOOD 3
<b>hips</b> tight about the h.	DESCRIPTION 17	tinsel of H.	HOLLYWOOD 12
when your h. stick	HUSBANDS 23	Working in H.	HOLLYWOOD 7
<b>hire</b> h. someone to read for me	WEALTH 12	<b>Holmes</b> no police like H.	CRIME 21
<b>hired</b> h. the money	DEBT 1	<b>holy</b> devil and the H. See	CENSORSHIP 12
<b>hireling</b> Pay given to a state h.	TRUST 4	dropped the word 'H.'	BIBLE 8
<b>historian</b> still a medieval h.	HISTORY 3	H. deadlock	MARRIAGE 40
<b>historians</b> H. repeat one another	HISTORY 5	<b>homage</b> h. which they pay	HYPOCRISY 2
<b>history</b> disasters of English h.	WALES 5	<b>home</b> asked me to bring it h.	DRESS 18
doing me in h. now	OLD AGE 29	get all that at h.	THEATRE 8
H. came to a stop	HISTORY 15	go h. when you're tired	LIFESTYLE 1
H. gets thicker	HISTORY 19	good of a h.	HOME 12
H. is more or less	HISTORY 9	H., James	TRANSPORT 13
H. is not what you thought	HISTORY 13	H. is heaven	PARTIES 15
H. is women following	HISTORY 2	H. is the place where	HOME 10
H. repeats itself	HISTORY 5	H. life as we understand it	HOME 19
H. started badly	HISTORY 23	h. life of our own dear Queen	ROYALTY 5
H. teaches us	HISTORY 8	it never is at h.	WIT 12
lessons of h. is Nothing	HISTORY 7	man's h. may seem to be	MEN 21
make more h.	COUNTRIES 23	murder into the h.	MURDER 5
owe to h.	HISTORY 22	no place like h.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 11
People who make h.	HISTORY 6	refuge from h. life	HOLIDAYS 10
takes a great deal of h.	LITERATURE 13	run away from h.	PARENTS 4
to leave the past to h.	PAST 9	should begin at h.	CENSORSHIP 10
What will h. say	HISTORY 16	there's nobody at h.	WIT 35
write the h. of a battle	WAR 26	those who want to go h.	PARTIES 12
<b>hit</b> h. 'em in the body	BOXING 4	wouldn't have in your h.	TELEVISION 8
think and h.	BASEBALL 2	write h. for money	WRITING 19
<b>Hitler</b> H.'s Eagle's Nest	HOLLYWOOD 13	you can't go h. again	LIFE 9
kissing H.	FILM STARS 6	<b>homeless</b> along with the h.	MEN 19
sounding not unlike H.	INSULTS 55	<b>home-made</b> don't want h. cooking	RESTAURANTS 3
<b>hitting</b> h. people in the head	BOXING 6	<b>homeopathic</b> thin as the h. soup	INSULTS 30
<b>Hoares</b> No more H. to Paris	PUNS 3	<b>Homer</b> H. sometimes sleeps	POETS 1
<b>hockey</b> h. mom and a pitbull	POLITICIANS 27	more than H. knew	CRITICS 38
play h. properly	PARTIES 8	voice of H.	SICKNESS 8
<b>hod</b> needs to have his h. examined	ART 20	<b>homes</b> Stately H.	ARISTOCRACY 2



<b>homework</b> dog ate my h.	DIPLOMACY 10	h. is no place to be sick	MEDICINE 15
<b>homicidal</b> great h. classics	LITERATURE 27	is his h.	ENGLAND 18
<b>homos</b> stately h. of England	SEX 34	patient in any h. in Ireland	MEDICINE 25
<b>homosexual</b> composer and not h.	MUSICIANS 8	<b>hospitality</b> H. consists	PARTIES 6
My mother made me a h.	SEX 12	<b>hospitals</b> big fear in h.	SICKNESS 10
<b>homosexuality</b> If h. were the normal	SEX 22	h. don't kill you	FRANCE 15
<b>honest</b> buy it like an h. man	POLITICS 36	<b>host</b> have been under the h.	DRUNKENNESS 9
Men are so h.	MEN AND WOMEN 31	h. is like a general	PARTIES 10
quotable than h.	QUOTATIONS 12	<b>hosts</b> h. and guests	PARTIES 4
<b>honesty</b> best measure of a man's h.	CHARACTER 4	<b>hot</b> never been cool, we're h.	IRELAND 2
h. is a good thing	VIRTUE 14	red h., mate	CENSORSHIP 6
<b>honey</b> month of h.	MARRIAGE 9	<b>hot dog</b> h. and vintage wine	HOLLYWOOD 11
<b>honeymoon</b> h. is over when	MARRIAGE 48	<b>hotel</b> back to the h.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 12
<b>honour</b> fighting for this woman's h.	WOMEN 22	great advantage of a h.	HOLIDAYS 10
h. is almost greater	PUBLISHING 15	It used to be a good h.	TRAVEL 31
in h. of a critic	CRITICS 35	<b>hotels</b> too short for second-rate h.	HOLIDAYS 12
Let us h. if we can	SEX 13	<b>Houdini</b> Harry H. and a greased piglet	PRIME MINISTERS 26
loss of h. was a wrench	LANGUAGES 9		LOVE 22
louder he talked of his h.	VIRTUE 10	<b>hound</b> nothin' but a h. dog	CHILDREN 16
<b>honourable</b> designs were strictly h.	MARRIAGE 32	<b>hour</b> h. of Herod	PARTIES 11
<b>honours</b> good card to play for H.	LITERATURE 2	stay longer in an h.	WEDDINGS 4
<b>hop</b> little buggers h.	DANCE 2	<b>hourglass</b> Egghead weds h.	IDLENESS 2
<b>hope</b> from rising h.	PEOPLE 12	<b>hours</b> But I see the h. pass	MEDICINE 7
just sit in the car and h.	SEX 29	in for ten h.	OPERA 7
h. that keeps up a wife's spirits	WIVES 7	it has been going three h.	SEX 41
triumph of h. over experience	MARRIAGE 45	other twenty-two h.	WORK 10
<b>hopes</b> no great h. from Birmingham	TOWNS 4	working faithfully eight h.	TELEGRAMS 11
set our h. when ill	MEDICINE 8	<b>house</b> COULDN'T DRAW IN THIS H.	WOMEN 41
<b>horizontal</b> But the h. one	SEX 13	called a woman in my own h.	ENGLAND 18
h. desire	DANCE 11	Englishman's h.	INSULTS 58
<b>horns</b> h. of a Dalai Lama	WIT 54	every h. in London	DIVORCE 5
<b>horrible</b> divided up into the h. and the miserable	LIFE 3	give her a h.	CRITICS 30
	HOLIDAYS 8	H. at Pooh Corner	CRITICS 32
<b>horror</b> bristling with h.	FILM 6	H. Beautiful is play lousy	HOUSE OF LORDS 4
h. and struck	ANIMALS 28	H. of Peers	FAMILY LIFE 5
<b>horse</b> about the h.	IRELAND 9	in the way in the h.	HOME 14
does not make him a h.	MUSIC 36	I want a h.	CLASS 19
hair of the h.	MUSIC 4	leaving her present h.	MEN 32
heard no h. sing a song	BUREAUCRACY 9	man in the h. is worth two	PROGRESS 9
h. designed by a committee	TRANSPORT 18	swell h.	DIVORCE 4
h. is at least <i>human</i>	ANIMALS 13	when I divorce I keep the h.	MARRIAGE 6
h. is dangerous at both ends	FACES 3	you lose your h.	WIT 22
h. would have stolen the show	BETTING 6	<b>household</b> Navy, and the H. Cavalry	WIVES 15
H. sense is a good judgement	MARRIAGE 12	<b>householder</b> think she's a h.	WIVES 15
like a h. and carriage	ACTORS 23	<b>housekeeper</b> h. think she's	THEATRE 32
phone, a h. or a broad	MUSIC 27	seems an economical h.	HOME 17
tail of the noble h.	ANIMALS 17	too good a h.	DIVORCE 4
to the h. dentist	NATURE 5	<b>housekeeping</b> He taught me h.	LOVE 10
tried to milk the h.	SNOBBERY 18	<b>house-keepings</b> jining of hearts and h.	
<b>Horseguards</b> You can be in the H.	MARRIAGE 55	<b>House of Commons</b> attendance at the H.	MARRIAGE 30
<b>horsepond</b> muddy h.	CINEMA 3		GOVERNMENT 30
<b>horses</b> Bring on the empty h.	TRANSPORT 13	H. is trying	QUOTATIONS 4
don't spare the h.	SEX 28	H. quotations	LIBRARIES 3
frighten the h.	SCOTLAND 7	libraries of the H.	LIES 10
given to h.	MISTAKES 25	untrue in the H.	HOUSE OF LORDS 8
'h.' should have read 'cows'	ANIMALS 20	<b>House of Lords</b> H. is a perfect	DRINK 23
ride h. when I was young	HEADLINES 10	H. is sitting	MARRIAGE 16
sixty h. wedged in a chimney	FRANCE 13	<b>houses</b> people like that to our h.	HOME 8
They eat h.	CERTAINTY 6	<b>housework</b> H. can't kill you	HOME 16
<b>horseshoe</b> h. hanging over	PUNS 10	I hate h.!	HOME 3
<b>horticulture</b> lead a h.	GARDENS 6	law of H.	HOME 5
same talent for h.	MEDICINE 23	no need to do any h.	HOME 25
<b>hospital</b> contend with in a h.		When it comes to h.	



- how** H. can they tell  
say why and h.
- Howe** speech of Sir Geoffrey H.
- hucksters** h.' shops
- human** bona fide h. being  
civil servants are h. beings  
disappointed in h. nature  
err is h.  
horse is at least h.  
h. race doesn't handle  
loved the H. Race  
people are only h.
- humanity** unremitting h.
- humble** feel very h.  
never had a h. opinion  
so very h.  
Though he might be more h.
- humbug** Yes we have. H.
- humiliation** expensive h.  
shame and h.
- humility** hypocritical h.  
small book on H.
- hummy** that word 'h.'
- humorist** no trick to being a h.
- humour** geniuses are devoid of h.  
have a sense of h.  
lavatory for its h.  
sense of h.  
taste and h.  
Without h. you cannot
- Humpty Dumpty** fate is rather like H.'s  
H. sat on a wall
- humus** keen sense of h.
- hungrily** yearns so h.
- hungry** days later you're h. again  
feed the h.  
in your martini when you're h.
- Hunter Dunn** Miss J. H.
- hunting** call h. one of them  
wet and dirty from h.
- Hur** Loved Ben, hated H.
- hurricane** h. on the way
- hurry** God—is in no h.  
who's in a h.
- hurt** h. you to the heart
- husband** don't need a h.  
h. and wife argument  
h. is a whole-time job  
h. is what is left of a lover  
income of one's wife's sister's h.  
My h. and I  
next h. was coming from  
one h. too many  
To catch a h. is an art  
Trust your h.  
twice as much h.  
which h. was the best lover  
your h. I would drink it  
your h. on your anniversary
- husbandry** animal h.
- husbands** always make the best h.  
fools are as like h.  
h. or when lapdogs
- DEATH 43  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY 12  
SPEECHES 17  
DICTIONARIES 7  
HUMAN RACE 10  
CIVIL SERVANTS 4  
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VIRTUE 21  
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ARCHITECTURE 7  
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HUSBANDS 15  
ANGER 15  
HUSBANDS 9  
HUSBANDS 27  
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RETIREMENT 1  
COMEBACKS 6  
COMEBACKS 1  
WEDDINGS 11  
SEX 48  
HUSBANDS 32  
HUSBANDS 29  
DEATH 45
- H. are like fires
- hush** said 'h.!' just once
- hussy** brazen h. of a speech
- hustler** like a priestly h.
- hutches** those who live in h.
- hygiene** h. of older people
- hyphen** holding his bloody h.
- hypochondria** h. has always seemed  
H. is Greek for  
H. is one disease
- hypocrisy** polite word for h.
- hypocritical** h. humility
- hypothesis** discard a pet h.
- I** My husband and I
- ice** diamond is the only kind of i.  
i. a wedding cake  
i. on your hands  
PUT CORPSE ON I.  
skating on thin i.  
used to jog but the i. cubes  
Vulgarity often cuts i.
- iceberg** editor needs a small i.  
lock, stock and i.
- icebergs** i. might be supposed
- ice-cream** eat i.  
i. that has been taught
- ice hockey** i. game broke out
- icy** fall on an i. pavement
- idea** better to entertain an i.  
mind so fine no i. could  
monumental i. this morning  
no general i. is worth a damn  
only one i.  
original i.  
very good i.  
when a politician does get an i.  
would be a good i.
- ideas** approach to i.  
i. above her station  
lets i. interrupt the easy flow  
some i. so wrong  
sound and original i.
- idiot** companies an i. could run  
i. who praises  
may talk like an i.
- idiots** bigger and better i.  
designed for i.
- idling** impossible to enjoy i.
- ignorance** distinguished for i.  
ever inhibited by i.  
i. that it can ever end  
I. is like a delicate  
pure i.
- ignorant** Americans are benevolently i.  
Asking the i.  
everybody is i.
- ignoring** i. impossible instructions
- ill** set our hopes when i.  
told you I was i.
- illegal** i., immoral  
Nothing is i.
- illegible** can't have been more i.
- ill-favoured** i. thing
- HUSBANDS 18  
CONVERSATION 5  
SPEECHES 5  
FUNERALS 8  
FOOD 34  
GENERATION GAP 7  
NAMES 9  
SICKNESS 6  
WORDS 14  
SICKNESS 16  
DEFINITIONS 4  
SELF-KNOWLEDGE 27  
SCIENCE 14  
ROYALTY 17  
JEWELLERY 6  
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TELEGRAMS 9  
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NEWSPAPERS 28  
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BUSINESS 8  
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FOOLISHNESS 7  
COMPUTERS 5  
SPORTS 30  
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IGNORANCE 1  
POLITICS 30  
LOVE 12  
IGNORANCE 6  
IGNORANCE 2  
CANADA 3  
LAW 29  
IGNORANCE 4  
ARMED FORCES 11  
MEDICINE 8  
EPITAPHS 18  
HAPPINESS 17  
BUSINESS 27  
HANDWRITING 2  
PUNS 2



<b>illiteracy</b> i. is not considered	PUBLISHING 3	<b>incomplete</b> man in love is i.	MARRIAGE 35
<b>illiterate</b> repartee of the i.	ANGER 4	<b>incomprehensible</b> use the i.	LAW 29
<b>illusion</b> Time is an i.	TIME 2	<b>incomprehension</b> designed to evoke i., anger	ART 21
What if everything is an i.	PHILOSOPHY 1	<b>inconceivable</b> not totally i.	PRIME MINISTERS 25
<b>illusions</b> At forty I lost my i.	OLD AGE 18	<b>inconsolable</b> i. widower	GENERATION GAP 11
<b>imagination</b> I. without skill	ART 37	<b>incontinent</b> i. man from Stoke Poges	POETRY 17
nothing but his i.	IRELAND 8	<b>inconveniences</b> all the modern i.	PROGRESS 9
<b>imitates</b> i. bad television	LIFE 4	<b>inconvenient</b> i. to be poor	CRIME 11
<b>imitating</b> Monet began by i. Manet	ART 25	it is confoundedly i.	POVERTY 8
<b>immemorial</b> its i. work of making	TIME 4	<b>incredible</b> i. lack of obstacles	SUCCESS 26
<b>immoral</b> Asquith is good and i.	PRIME MINISTERS 15	<b>indecent</b> sent down for i. behaviour	ACADEMIC 16
illegal, i.	HAPPINESS 17	<b>indecisive</b> fairly i.	CERTAINTY 1
moral or an i. book	BOOKS 28	<b>independent</b> i. is a guy who wants	POLITICS 49
<b>immortality</b> alternative were i.	DEATH 53	<b>indescribable</b> couldn't spell <i>I</i> .	INSULTS 2
i. can always be assured	FAME 14	<b>index</b> find it in the i.	BOOKS 1
i. through my work	DEATH 2	i. is a great	BOOKS 19
toward i.	FOOD 22	myself in the i.	BOOKS 6
<b>impeached</b> Nixon i. himself	PRESIDENTS 1	preparing the i.	BOOKS 18
<b>impersonators</b> female i.	CANADA 1	reorganized the Main <i>I</i> .	LIBRARIES 1
<b>importance</b> i. of the matter	BUREAUCRACY 10	<b>indexers</b> <i>I.</i> , Society	BOOKS 26
<b>important</b> make him feel i.	MARRIAGE 67	<b>India</b> navy blue of <i>I</i> .	COLOURS 7
regard as i.	MANAGEMENT 6	<b>Indiana</b> been an <i>I.</i> Jones film	RETIREMENT 2
successful writer is i.	WRITERS 12	<b>indifference</b> another name for i.	PREJUDICE 12
<b>impossible</b> if he says that it is i.	SCIENCE 9	i. closely bordering on aversion	INSULTS 50
i. for God	GOD 41	<b>indigestion</b> expressions—joy and i.	INSULTS 39
i. instructions	ARMED FORCES 11	<b>indignation</b> mists of righteous i.	HYPOCRISY 8
I wish it were i.	MUSIC 22	<b>indignity</b> He has spared me the i.	RELIGION 5
two words, i.	WIT 16	<b>indiscretion</b> cliché and an i.	DIPLOMACY 8
<b>impotence</b> i. and sodomy are socially O.K.	BIRTH 9	<b>indoors</b> 'Er i.	COMEDY ROUTINES 9
<b>impressionist</b> could give an i.	ADVICE 4	<b>indulgences</b> peddling i.	FUNERALS 8
<b>impressive</b> few more i. sights	SCOTLAND 1	<b>industrial</b> <i>I.</i> archaeology	PAST 16
<b>impropriety</b> indulge in, without i.	LANGUAGE 8	<b>industry</b> whole field to private i.	WAR 12
<b>improved</b> i. by death	DEATH 50	<b>inexperience</b> my opponent's youth and i.	OLD AGE 26
<b>improvement</b> schemes of political i.	POLITICS 22	<b>inexperienced</b> young and i.	HOME 14
<b>improving</b> think I'm i.	MUSICIANS 7	<b>infallible</b> i. rule	CLASS 21
<b>in</b> he ain't i. here	FUNERALS 2	men of science being i.	SCIENCE 10
<b>inaccuracy</b> little i.	LIES 9	<b>infamy</b> <i>I.</i> , infamy	MURDER 9
<b>inaccurate</b> retrieve an i. version	COMPUTERS 7	<b>infantry</b> posted to the i.	CRIME 17
<b>inattention</b> for the i. of one	DATING 10	<b>infants</b> so many i. of tender years	CHILDREN 36
<b>inbreeding</b> generations of i.	MANNERS 16	<b>inferiors</b> kind to her i.	SNOBBERY 15
<b>incense</b> vicars off the i.	CLERGY 16	<b>infinite</b> Space is almost i.	UNIVERSE 9
<b>incest</b> episodes of i.	MARRIAGE 2	<b>infinitive</b> when I split an i.	LANGUAGE 4
excepting i. and folk-dancing	SEX 10	<b>infinitum</b> so proceed <i>ad i.</i>	ANIMALS 29
game is called <i>I</i> .	FAMILY 15	<b>inflation</b> explained i. to his wife	ECONOMICS 2
wrong with a little i.	FAMILY 1	<b>influence</b> not susceptible to i.	CHARACTER 21
<b>inch</b> Every other i. a gentleman	INSULTS 56	<b>inform</b> not to i. the reader	BUREAUCRACY 1
<b>inches</b> talk about the seven i.	BODY 29	<b>information</b> i. and wit	CONVERSATION 16
<b>include</b> i. me out	FILM PRODUCERS 3	Minister of <i>I</i> .	GOVERNMENT 5
<b>income</b> Annual i., twenty pounds	DEBT 3	<b>informed</b> far better i.	JUDGES 12
he has i.	MEN AND WOMEN 39	<b>ingénue</b> from i. to old bag	THEATRE 31
i. from his income	WEALTH 13	<b>ingredient</b> essential i.	MARRIAGE 57
i. of one's wife's sister's husband	WEALTH 15	<b>inhale</b> didn't i.	PRESIDENTS 24
moderate i.	WEALTH 9	if he doesn't i.	PRAISE 12
organism to live beyond its i.	PROGRESS 1	<b>inheritance</b> divided an i. with him	MONEY 26
risers to meet i.	ECONOMICS 14	<b>inherited</b> i. stupidity of the race	ENGLAND 41
satisfying as an i. tax refund	TAXES 12	<b>inhumanity</b> Mann's i. to Mann	CRICKET 4
so far beyond my i.	MONEY 31	<b>injustice</b> <i>I.</i> is relatively easy to bear	LAW 19
two-i. household	MONEY 7	<b>inmate</b> then to have been an i.	CRIME 1
<b>incomes</b> live beyond their i.	SOCIETY 10	<b>innocent</b> I am i.	JUDGES 3
<b>income tax</b> <i>I.</i> has made more Liars	TAXES 13	<b>inquest</b> divorce the i.	DIVORCE 8
<b>incommunicado</b> i. with him	TELEVISION 9	<b>Inquisition</b> expects the Spanish <i>I.</i>	COMEDY ROUTINES 27
<b>incompatibility</b> little i.	MEN AND WOMEN 39	<b>ins</b> all the i. and outs	BODY 31
<b>incompetent</b> rather cruel and i.	BUSINESS 10		



<b>insane</b> defendant became i. through the eyes of the i.	LAW 25 BRITISH 2	<b>interstate</b> Thanks to the i. highway	TRAVEL 18
<b>insanity</b> any i. in her family I. is hereditary I. runs in my family	MIND 10 MIND 7 MENTAL HEALTH 7	<b>intestinal</b> most i. of instruments	MUSIC 14
<b>insensibility</b> stark i.	ACADEMIC 6	<b>intestines</b> i. of the agile cat	MUSIC 27
<b>insert</b> didn't i.	PRESIDENTS 24	<b>intimacy</b> oral-genital i.	SEX 45
<b>inside</b> i. a woman i. the tent pissing out	SEX 4 POWER 4	<b>intimate</b> i. spectacle	FILM PRODUCERS 4
<b>insides</b> how do two i. make love	SEX 51	<b>introduced</b> been properly i.	MANNERS 10
<b>inspiration</b> Genius is one percent i. sole i. is a telephone call	INTELLIGENCE 8 IDEAS 9	<b>introduction</b> buy back my i.	MANNERS 21
<b>instalment</b> last i. missing	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 2	<b>invade</b> won't i.	PRESIDENTS 24
<b>instant</b> I. Sex	SEX 35	<b>invent</b> to i. it	CRICKET 7
<b>instinct</b> basic and primal i. i. for being unhappy	HUSBANDS 17 HAPPINESS 11	<b>invented</b> i. blue jeans	FASHION 16
<b>institution</b> I'm not ready for an i. yet see an i. without hitting it	MARRIAGE 76 POWER 1	<b>invention</b> deal of it must be i. i. of a mouse Marriage is a wonderful i. That nasty old i.	HISTORY 1 FAME 13 MARRIAGE 24 POVERTY 3
<b>instructions</b> impossible i. read the i.	ARMED FORCES 11 TECHNOLOGY 1	<b>inventions</b> i. women could do without	TECHNOLOGY 10
<b>insufferable</b> always been i. made me i.	SUCCESS 14 ACADEMIC 2	<b>inventor</b> i. of the drawing board	TECHNOLOGY 15
<b>insular</b> i. country subject to fogs	POLITICS 18	<b>inverse</b> i. proportion to the sum	TIME 15
<b>insult</b> forgotten to i., I apologize not i. his wife publicly	INSULTS 7 HUSBANDS 30	<b>invest</b> i. in companies an idiot could Never i. your money in anything	BUSINESS 8 BUSINESS 20
<b>insulted</b> never <i>hope</i> to go and get i. never been so i.	PREJUDICE 2 COMEBACKS 10	<b>investment</b> it's a good i. trifling i. of fact	LOVE 4 SCIENCE 18
<b>insulting</b> i. Christmas card	CHRISTMAS 5	<b>invisible</b> no i. means of support	RELIGION 13
<b>insurance</b> I. is like a pyramid life-i. agents	MONEY 22 DEATH 34	<b>invitation</b> i. to dinner without giving	SOCIETY 9
<b>intellect</b> his i. is improperly exposed little less i. in the family	MIND 11 INTELLIGENCE 15	<b>invitations</b> <i>her</i> i.	HANDWRITING 2
<b>intellectual</b> lords of ladies i. word 'I.'	INTELLIGENCE 7 INTELLIGENCE 3	<b>invite</b> i. people like that	MARRIAGE 16
<b>intellectuals</b> spend my life with i.	INTELLIGENCE 19	<b>inviting</b> said for i. trouble	LIFE 24
<b>intelligence</b> credit for some little i. his i. against a fish i. of the great masses no great i. waste of human i.	LAW 23 FISHING 6 INTELLIGENCE 13 SELF-KNOWLEDGE 6 SPORTS 13	<b>involved</b> chicken is i.	DEFINITIONS 8
<b>intelligent</b> Every i. voter i. life exists elsewhere more i. than dolphins must be i. only a very i. person only look i. think there's i. life	POLITICIANS 1 UNIVERSE 10 INTELLIGENCE 1 ACTING 20 IDEAS 7 COUNTRIES 12 UNIVERSE 8	<b>Iowa</b> people from I.	HOLLYWOOD 1
<b>intentions</b> Good i.	LANGUAGE 22	<b>IQ</b> I. of a moron raises the average I.	PEOPLE 27 AUSTRALIA 4
<b>interested</b> i. in art in which he has been greatly i. seem not very i.	CINEMA 13 LETTERS 2 RELATIONSHIPS 8	<b>Ireland</b> patient in any hospital in I.	MEDICINE 25
<b>interesting</b> meet i. people and kill them  something more i. than women this makes them more i. Very i.	ARMED FORCES 1 INTELLIGENCE 16 NEWSPAPERS 24 COMEDY ROUTINES 42	<b>Irish</b> answer to the I. Question I. how to listen I'm I. I. people all over Only I. coffee provides someone to be I. at	IRELAND 7 CONVERSATION 30 IRELAND 5 HUMOUR 16 DRINK 3 IRELAND 3 IRELAND 8
<b>interests</b> i. masquerading as a contest	POLITICS 6	<b>Irishman</b> I.'s heart is nothing lying in an I.	LIES 5
<b>interferes</b> marriage i. with romance	ROMANCE 6	<b>iron</b> preferred i., but bronze will do	PRIME MINISTERS 36
<b>intermission</b> surrounds an i.	MUSIC 40	<b>irons</b> removing i. and inserting manuscript	PUBLISHING 1
<b>Internet</b> thanks to the I. what with the I. and all	COMPUTERS 16 CHILDREN 15	<b>irony</b> spirit of i. alive in Australia	AUSTRALIA 2
<b>interpreter</b> i. is the hardest	LANGUAGES 20	<b>irrelevant</b> word 'i.'	ACADEMIC 4
<b>interrupt</b> lets ideas i. the easy flow	CONVERSATION 28	<b>irritate</b> can't afford to i.	FRIENDS 14
		<b>is</b> meaning of 'i.'	WORDS 6
		<b>island</b> i. is made mainly	BUREAUCRACY 3
		<b>isosceles</b> ran into I.	IDEAS 1
		<b>Italian</b> baseball in I. Old I. chefs never die trouble with eating I. food	OPERA 5 COOKERY 13 EATING 9
		<b>Italians</b> I.' technological contribution	TECHNOLOGY 4
		I. who can't dress	IRELAND 2
		<b>Italy</b> Creator made I.	COUNTRIES 28
		<b>itch</b> on what doesn't i.	FASHION 13
		<b>ivy</b> it was agony, I.	COMEDY ROUTINES 8
		<b>jackasses</b> all others are j.	PHILOSOPHY 5
		<b>jacket</b> <i>short</i> j. is always	DRESS 2
		<b>jacuzzi</b> floozie in the j.	ART 3
		<b>jail</b> being in a j.	ARMED FORCES 16



<b>jam</b> j. tomorrow	PAST 8	favourite political j.	POLITICIANS 8
like crazed wasps in a j. jar	POLITICIANS 18	Hemingway and <i>not</i> seen the j.	WRITERS 38
<b>Jamaicans</b> J. who can't dance	IRELAND 2	idea of a good j.	HUMOUR 11
<b>jamais</b> j. triste	HOPE 6	j. as a serious thing	HUMOUR 16
<b>James</b> Home, J.	TRANSPORT 13	j.'s a very serious thing	HUMOUR 6
J. I, James II	WRITERS 20	j. with a double meaning	HUMOUR 1
J. writes fiction	WRITERS 41	laughs at her husband's j.	HUSBANDS 5
<b>Jane</b> you J.	FILM 10	name you give your goldfish for a j.	NAMES 10
<b>janitor</b> j. to the looney-bin	MEDICINE 34	tell an Iowan a j.	HUMOUR 3
<b>Jap</b> thirty-seven dollars and a J. guitar	MUSICIANS 9	whether you can j. about it	RELIGION 20
<b>jar</b> too old to open the j.	AGE 17	<b>jokes</b> doesn't make j.	CIVIL SERVANTS 3
<b>jazz</b> I don't like j.	MUSIC 24	every ten j.	HUMOUR 20
in j. and more than ten	MUSIC 31	little j. on thee	GOD 25
<b>jealousy</b> j. with a halo	MORALITY 19	Some j. are short and elegant	COMEDY 4
<b>jeans</b> designer j.	INSULTS 44	someone was telling j.	AUDIENCES 4
If my j. could talk	DRESS 1	taste in j.	HUMOUR 8
invented blue j.	FASHION 16	<b>jolly</b> Awfully j. of you	LAST WORDS 9
<b>Jeeves</b> J. is a wonder	INTELLIGENCE 18	<b>Jones</b> Lord J. Dead	NEWSPAPERS 11
<b>Jefferson</b> when J. ate alone	INTELLIGENCE 11	<b>Joneses</b> keep up with the J.	LIFESTYLE 6
<b>Jell-O</b> like J. on springs	BODY 30	<b>Josephine</b> Not tonight, J.	SEX 60
<b>jelly</b> shivers like a j.	DANCE 9	<b>journal</b> keep a full j.	DIARIES 4
<b>jellybeans</b> way of eating j.	CHARACTER 14	page of my J.	DIARIES 1
<b>je-ne-sais-quoi</b> J. young man	MEN 13	<b>journalism</b> first law of j.	NEWSPAPERS 13
<b>jester</b> j. unemployed is nobody's fool	PUNS 8	J. is unreadable	NEWSPAPERS 44
<b>jests</b> Good j. ought to bite	HUMOUR 5	J. largely consists	NEWSPAPERS 11
<b>Jesus</b> J. Christ and Napoleon	PRIME MINISTERS 30	<b>journalist</b> British j.	NEWSPAPERS 46
J. Christ of politics	UNINTENDED 3	spoke to a j. from the <i>Sun</i>	PARANORMAL 6
good enough for J. Christ	LANGUAGES 7	<b>journalists</b> lies to j.	GOVERNMENT 15
humble servant of the Lord J.	MEMBERS 4	<b>Judas</b> J. who writes	BIOGRAPHY 9
<b>Jew</b> J. reading a Nazi manual	SEX 65	<b>judge</b> best j. of a run	CRICKET 17
not really a J.	COUNTRIES 20	God is my j.	JUDGES 3
one-eyed J.	GOLF 2	j. by appearances	APPEARANCE 26
<b>jewellery</b> Don't ever wear artistic j.	JEWELLERY 2	j. had slept through his play	JUDGES 11
just rattle your j.	CLASS 14	know who the j. is	JUDGES 5
<b>jewels</b> sex and j.	ART 39	mail that cheque to the J.	JUDGES 6
<b>Jewish</b> I'm not J.	COUNTRIES 12	talking J. is like	JUDGES 13
It'll be good J. music	MUSIC 23	they j. them	CHILDREN 35
J. man with parents alive	PARENTS 13	<b>judging</b> never had the Latin for the j.	JUDGES 7
only half-J.	PREJUDICE 11	<b>juice</b> j. of two quarts	DRUNKENNESS 4
<b>Jews</b> choose The J.	GOD 22	<b>Julia</b> called J. with enormous breasts	MEMORY 4
spurn the J.	GOD 12	<b>Julian</b> I'm J.	COMEDY ROUTINES 13
<b>Jim</b> call it St J.	NAMES 14	<b>July</b> fourth of J.	AMERICA 8
<b>job</b> came fifth and lost the j.	FAILURE 7	<b>Jumbo</b> combine Mumbo with J.	RELIGION 9
difficulty about a theatre j.	THEATRE 17	<b>June</b> J. and winter	SCOTLAND 3
husband is a whole-time j.	HUSBANDS 9	J. is bustin' out	NATURE 10
j. when he doesn't feel like it	WORK 2	<b>Jungfrau</b> looking like the J.	ROYALTY 8
less important the j.	BUSINESS 15	<b>jury</b> acquitted by a Limerick j.	LAW 1
looking for a j. the next day	OFFICE LIFE 5	j. consists of twelve persons	LAW 6
loses his j.	BUSINESS 22	<b>just</b> rain, it raineth on the j.	VIRTUE 4
MP is the sort of j.	MEMBERS 1	<b>justice</b> don't want j., I want mercy	ART 17
neither of them has a j.	GENERATION GAP 1	If this is j., I am a banana	LAW 12
read the book of J.	BIBLE 7	inquiring J. is not asleep	JUDGES 10
trust Clinton with my j.	PRESIDENTS 20	j. is open to all	LAW 17
Your j.	ACTING 1	not really interested in j.	FAMILY LIFE 3
<b>jog</b> used to j. but the ice cubes	EXERCISE 11	what stings is j.	LAW 19
<b>jogging</b> J. is for people	SPORTS 38	<b>juvenile</b> Three j. delinquents	CRIME 10
reason I would take up j.	EXERCISE 2	<b>Kandinsky</b> K. had feet of Klee	ART 41
<b>John</b> more MPs called J.	NAMES 13	<b>Kansas</b> corny as K.	AMERICA 8
<b>Johnson</b> no arguing with J.	ANGER 11	<b>Karamazov</b> yet read <i>The Brothers K.</i>	MODERN LIFE 9
<b>joinery</b> j. with a chainsaw	DIPLOMACY 3	<b>kazoo</b> playing Beethoven on the k.	LITERATURE 28
<b>joining</b> j. of hearts and house-keepings	LOVE 10	<b>keep</b> k. up with the Joneses	LIFESTYLE 6
<b>joist</b> J. and a Girder	WIT 5	K. off the grass	EPITAPHS 22
<b>joke</b> American j.	HUMOUR 23	some day it'll k. you	DIARIES 5



<b>ken</b> K. and Barbie	PARTIES 18	k. oftener than a police-court Bible	INSULTS 14
<b>Kennedy</b> it would be Mrs K.	PEOPLE 11	<b>kisses</b> fine romance with no k.	DATING 7
<b>Kennedys</b> like the K.	BOXING 1	fine romance with no k.	KISSING 2
<b>Kensington</b> only seen in K.	ACTING 31	<b>kissing</b> k. Hitler	FILM STARS 6
<b>Kent</b> everybody knows K.	ENGLAND 14	K. don't last: cookery do	KISSING 7
in the wrong part of K.	FRIENDS 8	before k. someone	MANNERS 15
<b>kerb</b> walk to the k.	DRIVING 1	<b>kitchen</b> perpetually clean k.	CHARACTER 3
<b>key</b> all of us looking for the k.	LIFE 7	threw the k. sink	TENNIS 7
<b>keys</b> by depressing the k.	MUSIC 11	wasn't even in the k.	CONVERSATION 21
everyone throws their car k.	PARTIES 19	<b>kitten</b> evil reptilian k.-eater	POLITICIANS 3
half that's got my k.	MISTAKES 16	<b>kittens</b> drowning other people's k.	CRITICS 12
<b>kick</b> crawl in or k. your way in	POLITICS 5	<b>Klee</b> Kandinsky had feet of K.	ART 41
k. in the crutch	ANGER 3	<b>kleptomania</b> I have k.	CRIME 2
<b>kicking</b> k. death in the ass	SEX 23	<b>knack</b> k. of so arranging the world	TECHNOLOGY 6
only alive, but k.	WRITERS 24	<b>knee</b> want me to sit on her k.	MOTHERS 4
<b>kicks</b> ball that k. back	FOOTBALL 16	<b>kneeling</b> K. bags my nylons	RELIGION 65
<b>kidnapped</b> I'm k.	FAMILY 2	<b>knees</b> k. of the chorus girls	CRITICS 19
<b>kids</b> K. are the best, Apu	CHILDREN 15	K. to Knees	DANCE 6
k. when they got married	PARENTS 6	like a caving in of the k.	WRITING 12
wife and my k.	CRICKET 2	up to her k.	PREJUDICE 11
<b>kill</b> Athenians will k. thee	POLITICIANS 28	<b>knew</b> k. what I was so anxious about	MIND 8
k. you in a new way	PROGRESS 8	WE ALL K. YOU HAD IT IN YOU	TELEGRAMS 14
let's k. all the lawyers	LAW 22	<b>knickers</b> just counted how many k.	SONGS 7
meet interesting people and k. them	ARMED FORCES 1	<b>knife</b> k. to a throat	PUBLISHING 10
nervous to k. himself	CHARACTER 18	using a k.	MANNERS 3
not going to k. too many	MURDER 7	<b>knight</b> k. on a shining bicycle	PEOPLE 3
Thou shalt not k.	DEATH 16	<b>knighted</b> I didn't know he'd been k.	INSULTS 6
<b>killed</b> Go to Spain and get k.	POETS 13	<b>knitter</b> beautiful little k.	WRITERS 34
hard work never k. anybody	WORK 16	<b>knitting</b> opened a k. shop	MEN AND WOMEN 12
k. poor King George VI	GOD 24	<b>knives</b> handful of k. and forks	RESTAURANTS 6
k. those two men	CRIME 4	<b>knock</b> K. as you please	WIT 35
K. when they spout	SPEECHES 25	k. it never is at home	WIT 12
you can only be k. once	POLITICS 12	<b>knocked</b> k. everything but the knees	CRITICS 19
<b>killing</b> often think of k. each other	DIPLOMACY 9	we k. the bastard off	SUCCESS 11
<b>kills</b> k. a chat	CONVERSATION 7	<b>knocking</b> just k. it through	TOWNS 15
<b>kilt</b> k. is an unrivalled garment	ARMED FORCES 20	<b>knocks</b> k. you down with the butt	ANGER 11
<b>kin</b> own k. and kith	FAMILY LIFE 9	<b>know</b> at least I k. where he is	HUSBANDS 2
<b>kind</b> man who's k. and understanding	MEN 12	do not wish to k.	EXAMINATIONS 6
<b>kindly</b> K. Call Me God	GOVERNMENT 25	don't k. what I am doing	SCIENCE 7
feel k. disposed	SNOBBERY 11	don't tell half we k.	WOMEN 2
<b>kindness</b> With k.	DEATH 33	How do you k.	GOD 9
<b>king</b> Here lies a great and mighty k.	ROYALTY 33	I Don't K.	COMEDY ROUTINES 40
I could never be K.	ROYALTY 22	k. when I am having a good time	DRINK 4
k. rides a bicycle	COUNTRIES 2	Never say you k. a man	MONEY 26
K.'s Moll Reno'd	ROYALTY 2	not who you k.	ADVICE 2
played the K.	ACTORS 14	say 'I don't k.'	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 15
unless you're a k.	ACTING 17	things we k. nothing about	BOOKS 17
<b>kings</b> only five K. left	ROYALTY 19	<b>knowable</b> nothing empirical is K.	PHILOSOPHY 11
<b>kinky</b> what about K. sex	SEX 1	<b>knowingness</b> k. of little girls	CHILDREN 22
<b>Kipling</b> K.'s eyebrows	DESCRIPTION 15	<b>knowledge</b> K. is power	POWER 5
<b>kippers</b> country smells of k.	COUNTRIES 29	k. of a lifetime	ART 45
<b>kiss</b> dollars for a k.	HOLLYWOOD 16	quite a fair show of k.	QUOTATIONS 2
French k. a moose	PEOPLE 24	<b>known</b> k., and do not want it	LITERATURE 14
k. can be a comma	KISSING 8	k. and the unknown	PARANORMAL 7
k. my ass in Macy's window	POWER 3	there are k. unknowns	IGNORANCE 5
k. the hand that wrote Ulysses	WRITERS 25	<b>knows</b> He k. nothing	POLITICS 46
K. me, Chudleigh	MISTAKES 34	if you k. of a better 'ole	WAR 6
let a k. fool you	KISSING 3	man who k. more	CENSORSHIP 14
wanting to k. me	PRIME MINISTERS 31	<b>knuckle</b> k.-end of England	SCOTLAND 9
When women k.	KISSING 6	<b>knuckles</b> biting my k.	FILM 8
you get when you k. a guy	KISSING 1	<b>Kruschev</b> married Mrs K.	HISTORY 20
<b>kissable</b> thought of women as k.	MEN AND WOMEN 18	<b>Kuwait</b> least they can find K.	AMERICA 3
<b>kissed</b> k. by a man who <i>didn't</i> wax	KISSING 4	<b>kwik</b> substitution of 'k.' for 'quick'	ADVERTISING 2



<b>laboratory</b> used to be a l.	DRUGS 6	people who are l.	MANNERS 18
<b>labour</b> green belt was a L. idea	ARCHITECTURE 11	stay up l. on New Year's Eve	MIDDLE AGE 12
L. Party is going round stirring	POLITICAL PARTIES 14	travel I'm too l.	TIME 16
L.-voting Scotland	DIPLOMACY 14	<b>later</b> going to have to stay up l.	PRESIDENTS 5
most popular l.-saving device	HUSBANDS 1	<b>Latin</b> as much L. as you like	QUOTATIONS 4
two days' l.	ART 45	half Greek, half L.	TELEVISION 17
Vote L. and you build	POLITICAL PARTIES 4	L. for 'the mess we're in'	POLITICS 42
<b>Labrador</b> get into their L.	FAMILY 20	never had the L. for the judging	JUDGES 7
<b>ladder</b> get on with my real l.	FAMILY LIFE 6	no L. word for Tea	LANGUAGES 4
I never climbed any l.	SUCCESS 24	<b>Latvians</b> make them L.	CINEMA 5
you're climbing a l.	HOLLYWOOD 6	<b>laugh</b> l. quietly to myself	COMPUTERS 10
<b>ladies</b> l. apparently rolled along	MEN AND WOMEN 26	make a psychiatrist l.	MENTAL HEALTH 8
L., just a little more	ACTING 32	making decent people l.	HUMOUR 13
lords of l. intellectual	INTELLIGENCE 7	penetrating sort of l.	HUMOUR 26
when l. are present	MEN AND WOMEN 4	why people l.	COMEDY 3
<b>lady</b> Being powerful is like being a l.	DEFINITIONS 9	<b>laughable</b> improvement are very l.	POLITICS 22
l. doth protest too much	WOMEN 33	<b>laughed</b> not to be l. at	CINEMA 6
l. might think	SEX 66	<b>laughing</b> fun I ever had without l.	SEX 3
l.'s not for turning	WIT 51	not l. now	COMEDY 5
nicest old l.	WRITERS 18	stops women l. at them	WAR 9
no l.; she's my wife	WIVES 13	<b>laughs</b> l. at her husband's joke	HUSBANDS 5
talk like a l.	CLASS 20	<b>laughter</b> hear the sound of l.	RETIREMENT 4
writing for an elderly l.	NEWSPAPERS 22	I was convulsed with l.	LITERATURE 17
young l. named Bright	SCIENCE 8	l. in the back of the theatre	AUDIENCES 4
<b>lager</b> L., Aga, Saga	AGE 12	L. is pleasant	HUMOUR 17
<b>laid</b> l. end to end	MORALITY 12	L. would be bereaved	HUMOUR 24
<b>lama</b> horns of a Dalai L.	WIT 54	<b>lavatory</b> keep the l. door shut	ARCHITECTURE 1
<b>lambs</b> bite like l.	HUMOUR 5	l. for its humour	HUMOUR 2
<b>lamp</b> turn it into a l.	DRINK 48	l. makes you fear	HOME 4
<b>lamppost</b> asking a l.	CRITICS 20	parents bought a l.	WIT 50
<b>lamp posts</b> drunken man uses l.	STATISTICS 3	stranger to the l.	DRUGS 5
<b>land</b> back to the l.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 12	<b>lavish</b> No McTavish Was ever l.	SCOTLAND 8
l. of my fathers	WALES 3	<b>law</b> fear of the L.	RELIGION 33
rather have an acre of l.	FAME 25	greater part of the l.	ACADEMIC 10
they had the l.	RELIGION 63	If l. school is so hard	LAWYERS 9
<b>landscape</b> l. is grotesque	AUSTRALIA 3	if the l. forbids it	LAW 18
sold the l. short	TRAVEL 25	know what the l. is	JUDGES 5
<b>Landseer</b> L. whose only merit	ART 19	L. is the true embodiment	LAW 8
<b>language</b> divided by a common l.	COUNTRIES 25	moral l.	HANDWRITING 6
in a foreign l.	PARENTS 11	no l. or government	GOVERNMENT 2
l. an opera is sung in	OPERA 1	No brilliance is needed in the l.	LAWYERS 5
l. being the aniseed	CONVERSATION 26	principle of the English l.	LAW 4
l. of Shakespeare	LANGUAGES 19	<b>lawn</b> want to be a l.	PUNS 11
our rich and delicate l.	WRITERS 39	<b>laws</b> government of l.	GOVERNMENT 13
<b>languages</b> our respective l.	DIPLOMACY 2	L. are like sausages	LAW 2
speaks five l.	ACTORS 15	<b>lawyer</b> get a l.—not a book	LAW 16
That woman speaks eighteen l.	MORALITY 11	l.'s tongue	ART 12
<b>lap</b> l. dancer than a woman MP	MEMBERS 10	l. to tell me what I cannot do	LAWYERS 4
only jump into your l.	CATS 2	Lord and a good l.	LAWYERS 7
<b>lapdogs</b> husbands or when l.	DEATH 45	who has the better l.	LAW 6
<b>laps</b> more l. than a napkin	INSULTS 59	<b>lawyers</b> let's kill all the l.	LAW 22
<b>larynx</b> He simply loved my l.	MEDICINE 27	<b>lay</b> l. a hat and a few friends	HOME 15
<b>lash</b> sodomy, and the l.	ARMED FORCES 4	<b>layout</b> Perfection of planned l.	BUREAUCRACY 13
<b>last</b> built it to l.	BODY 27	<b>layouts</b> observing airport l.	HEAVEN 4
L. Chance Gulch	CHILDREN 30	<b>Lazarus</b> Come forth, L.	FAILURE 7
l. person who has sat on him	INSULTS 22	<b>lazy</b> it lets me be l.	WEALTH 7
that's the l. thing I shall do	LAST WORDS 11	low-and-l., broad-and-hazy	RELIGION 27
<b>Last Supper</b> L. AND ORIGINAL CAST	TELEGRAMS 11	<b>lead</b> I can't see who's in the l.	UNINTENDED 15
<b>late</b> always too l. or too early	TIME 17	l. a horticulture	PUNS 10
arriving l. for work	WORK 7	l. into the boxing gloves	MISTAKES 35
get to stay out l. but don't	YOUTH 4	ounce of l. in it	ENGLAND 43
If I'm l.	SEX 16	<b>leader</b> political l. worthy of assassination	CANADA 7
No, you were l.	MEMORY 2	<b>leading</b> have a l. lady	CINEMA 9



- leak** you l.
- leaks** l. always take place
- leaps** It moves in mighty l.
- learn** don't want to l.
- learned** l. from my mistakes  
l. in seven years  
Quote L.
- least** man who promises l.
- leather** Despair is a black l. jacket  
in their l. shoes
- leave** just who would have to l.  
L. out the cherry  
Take me or l. me
- leaves** man who l. the room  
shoots and l.  
Words are like l.
- leaving** by l. it
- lecture** tire of a l.
- leeks** cabbages and l.
- left** l. all my money  
never let his l. hip know  
only who is l.
- leftovers** nothing but l.
- leg** broken my bloody l.  
extending your left l.  
leave my second l.  
nothing against your right l.  
turn and bite him in the l.  
which does not resemble a l.  
would break its l.
- legacy** l. from a rich relative
- legal** l. dispute with the president  
l. writing is one of those  
some l. experience
- legality** taint of l.
- legend** l. in his own lunchtime  
She's not a l.
- legibility** dawn of l.
- legion** L. of Honour has been conferred
- legitimate** L. AT LAST
- legs** All l. leave something to be desired  
chop off her l. and read the rings  
hero wid coward's l.  
not for your bad l.  
nothing to do with frog's l.  
old men who have good l.  
recuvver the use of his l.  
see my l.  
something nice about my l.  
took off his l.  
two l. bad  
uglier a man's l. are  
walking on his hinder l.
- leisure** At l. married  
returned at l.  
- That is what l. means
- lemon** in the squeezing of a l.
- lemonade** I'll take a l.
- lemons** bring on the l. at half-time
- lend** not well enough to l. to
- length** exactly the same l.
- lepers** Shakepeare to the l.
- SECRECY 7  
SECRECY 3  
MEDICINE 3  
EDUCATION 15  
MISTAKES 11  
GENERATION GAP 9  
JUDGES 9  
POLITICS 4  
HOPE 9  
DRESS 17  
LAWYERS 8  
DRINK 38  
RELATIONSHIPS 11  
POLITICAL PARTIES 2  
BOOKS 23  
WORDS 16  
PRIME MINISTERS 1  
ACADEMIC 9  
CENSORSHIP 9  
DEATH 13  
DANCE 12  
WAR 2  
COOKERY 23  
CRICKET 1  
ARCHITECTURE 1  
ARMED FORCES 14  
ACTING 5  
MISTAKES 36  
TECHNOLOGY 2  
FACES 7  
POLITICS 47  
PEOPLE 1  
LAW 13  
FAMILY 18  
LAW 15  
FAME 9  
FAME 5  
HANDWRITING 3  
AWARDS 10  
TELEGRAMS 7  
BODY 4  
MARRIAGE 51  
HEROES 3  
BODY 11  
FOOD 33  
AWARDS 7  
LETTERS 6  
BODY 9  
AGE 19  
ARMED FORCES 13  
ANIMALS 24  
GOLF 9  
WOMEN 21  
MARRIAGE 23  
PUBLISHING 9  
IDLENESS 1  
TIME 12  
DRINK 37  
PRIME MINISTERS 38  
DEFINITIONS 1  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY 3  
ACTORS 9
- lesbians** dealt with l.  
throw me to the l.
- less** l. in this than meets the eye  
l. than \$10,000
- lesson** l. to all us men
- lets** Il. 'em
- letter** answered your l. sooner  
authentic self into a l.
- letterbox** like fish into a l.
- letters** Any further l.  
habit of answering l.  
l. get in the wrong places  
man of l.  
my name in such large l.  
pleasures of reading old l.
- leveller** great l.
- lexicographer** L. A writer
- liar** exceptionally good l.  
ignorant, uncultivated l.  
l. it is true
- liars** Income Tax has made more L.
- Liberace** L. look like Clint Eastwood
- liberal** ineffectual l.'s problem  
Is either a little L.  
l. education  
l. is a man who leaves the room
- liberals** l. can understand everything but  
L. have invented  
L. offer a mixture
- liberation** pie-eaters' l. front
- liberty** consistent with the l.
- libraries** l. of the House of Commons
- library** go to the l.  
l. must be full of them  
sit in a l.  
thing to have in a l. is a shelf  
wait for it in the l.  
you have a public l.
- lid** Don't slam the l.
- lie** Here l. I  
in the face and still l.  
l. diagonally in his bed again  
l. follows  
L. FOLLOWS BY POST  
L. heavy on him  
l. is an abomination  
l. less convincingly  
sent to l. abroad
- lies** Diplomats tell l.  
enough white l.  
l., damned lies and statistics  
l. he has been telling  
Matilda told such Dreadful L.  
stop telling l. about Democrats  
tell l. as usual
- life** air that had seen l.  
Don't talk to me about l.  
evidence of l. after death  
goes through l.  
If l. was a party  
intelligent l. exists elsewhere  
isn't l. a terrible thing  
it's the l. in my men
- CINEMA 5  
SEX 69  
CRITICS 5  
MONEY 12  
DIVORCE 2  
MEDICINE 11  
LETTERS 1  
LETTERS 9  
FILM PRODUCERS 11  
DEBT 2  
LETTERS 13  
LANGUAGE 15  
FOOLISHNESS 12  
FAME 26  
LETTERS 3  
BOOKS 19  
DICTIONARIES 5  
TRUTH 5  
LAWYERS 10  
APOLOGY 5  
TAXES 13  
PEOPLE 23  
MORALITY 4  
POLITICAL PARTIES 6  
EDUCATION 2  
POLITICAL PARTIES 2  
POLITICS 7  
ACADEMIC 13  
POLITICAL PARTIES 11  
DIETS 6  
MARRIAGE 31  
LIBRARIES 3  
BEAUTY 8  
IDEAS 3  
LIBRARIES 5  
LIBRARIES 4  
DEATH 58  
LIBRARIES 2  
DRUNKENNESS 13  
EPITAPHS 16  
BOOKS 15  
MARRIAGE 70  
APOLOGY 4  
APOLOGY 2  
EPITAPHS 10  
LIES 1  
NEWSPAPERS 31  
DIPLOMACY 17  
GOVERNMENT 15  
LIES 2  
STATISTICS 2  
CONVERSATION 9  
LIES 3  
POLITICAL PARTIES 13  
HISTORY 16  
TOWNS 25  
LIFE 1  
HOUSE OF LORDS 7  
CHARACTER 7  
CONVERSATION 21  
UNIVERSE 10  
LIFE 35  
SEX 74



**life** (cont.)

- l. for ourselves at the Ritz  
 l. had been ruined by literature  
 L. imitates Art  
 l.-insurance agents  
 l. is 6 to 5 against  
 l. is a glorious cycle of song  
 l. is generally something  
 L. is just one damned thing  
 L. isn't like coursework  
 l. is the thing  
 L. is too short  
 l.-saving certificate  
 l.'s rich pageant  
 L.'s too short for chess  
 l. will perhaps seem  
 L. would be very pleasant  
 made for l.  
 matter of l. and death  
 midst of l. we are in debt  
 new terror to l.  
 on a l.-support machine  
 read the l.  
 real l. escapes  
 some problems with my l.  
 think there's intelligent l.  
 third of my l.  
 tired of l.  
 well-written L. is almost as rare  
 What a queer thing L. is  
 your money or your l.
- lifelong** l. romance  
**lifetime** knowledge of a l.  
 l. of happiness  
**lift** can't even l. them  
 Never eat more than you can l.  
**light** charging like the L. Brigade  
 get a l. Cordelia  
 l. at the end of the tunnel  
 l. of God was with him  
 speed was faster than l.  
**lighten** l. a room  
**lightning** illuminated by flashes of l.  
**lights** switch off the l.  
**like** don't l. it up 'em  
 find a woman I don't l.  
 finding a sickness you l.  
 l. that when I got here  
 man you don't l.  
 of his friends l. him  
 only thing I didn't l.  
**likely** Walk! Not bloody l.  
**likes** everyone l. you except  
**Lillabullero** bars of L.  
**limbs** Yours are the l.  
**limelight** backing into the l.  
**Limerick** acquitted by a L. jury  
**limericks** l. stopped  
**limes** two gin-and-l.  
**limousine** One perfect l.  
**Lincoln** I could be another L.  
**line** l. that I haven't said  
 stopped at l. two
- UNINTENDED 1  
 LITERATURE 3  
 ART 47  
 DEATH 34  
 BETTING 9  
 LOVE 26  
 LIFE 8  
 LIFE 17  
 EDUCATION 6  
 READING 8  
 TIME 11  
 INTELLIGENCE 19  
 LIFE 25  
 SPORTS 10  
 DIARIES 4  
 HAPPINESS 14  
 DEATH 27  
 FOOTBALL 21  
 DEBT 6  
 INSULTS 53  
 APPEARANCE 9  
 BIOGRAPHY 4  
 BIOGRAPHY 6  
 LIFE 32  
 UNIVERSE 8  
 MIDDLE AGE 2  
 TOWNS 18  
 LITERATURE 4  
 LIFE 37  
 WOMEN 7  
 LOVE 31  
 ART 45  
 HAPPINESS 12  
 GOVERNMENT 23  
 EATING 8  
 RESTAURANTS 8  
 ACTING 12  
 BETTING 3  
 TRANSPORT 11  
 SCIENCE 8  
 PRIME MINISTERS 1  
 WRITERS 42  
 HEADLINES 7  
 COMEDY ROUTINES 41  
 DIVORCE 5  
 SICKNESS 13  
 WORK 12  
 DRUNKENNESS 12  
 FRIENDS 19  
 CRITICS 31  
 TRANSPORT 19  
 SELF-KNOWLEDGE 4  
 ANGER 21  
 APPEARANCE 16  
 WRITERS 6  
 LAW 1  
 POETRY 2  
 SICKNESS 15  
 TRANSPORT 16  
 INTELLIGENCE 9  
 ACTING 24  
 POETRY 2
- linen** wear l. with tweed  
**lines** knew these l. backwards  
 l. having similar sounds  
**linoleum** shoot me through l.  
**lion** achieve a l. by hearsay  
 l. and the calf  
**lionized** spoilt by being l.  
**lips** move their l.  
**lipstick** put l. on a pig  
 too much l.  
**liquor** bumper of good l.  
 don't drink l.  
 drank our l. straight  
 l. Is quicker  
 Lord above made l.  
**lisp** L.: call a spade  
**list** I've got a little l.  
**listen** l. to you talk  
 people don't l.  
 you wish him to l.  
**listener** was a good l.  
**listening** ain't l.  
**listens** l. to both sides  
 No-one really l. to anyone  
**lit** Fleet's l. up  
**literal** home of the l.  
 ignorant and l.-minded  
**literary** British l. critics  
 deprivation of l. royalties  
 draw well with l. men  
 those l. cooks  
**literature** doctor anybody's l.  
 failed in l.  
 He knew everything about l.  
 history to produce a little l.  
 life had been ruined by l.  
 l. is not read  
 L.'s always a good card to play  
 locks of l.  
 performed for German l.  
**little** though she be but l.  
 very l. one  
**live** all you have to do is to l. long enough  
 don't actually l. longer  
 French, they say, l. to eat  
 gonna l. this long  
 l. in *Who's Who*  
 l. on in the hearts  
 way I l., once is enough  
 you have to l. with rich people  
 You might as well l.  
**lived** die without ever having l.  
 l., nightly, and drank, daily  
 where Gettysburg l.  
**liver** ate his l.  
 l.-wing of a fowl  
**Liverpool** L., though not very delightful  
**living** But who calls dat l.  
 Dogs who earn their l.  
 don't like them l. next door  
 hate to work for a l.  
 I love l.  
 l. together afterwards
- ENGLAND 24  
 ACTING 7  
 POETRY 12  
 FILM STARS 2  
 DESCRIPTION 12  
 ANIMALS 1  
 HUMAN RACE 11  
 WRITING 16  
 POLITICIANS 24  
 HUSBANDS 23  
 DRINK 45  
 DRINK 29  
 DRINK 5  
 DRINK 36  
 DRINK 28  
 WIT 21  
 CRIME 19  
 CONVERSATION 12  
 CONVERSATION 29  
 BORES 1  
 CONVERSATION 22  
 ACTING 13  
 ANGER 15  
 CONVERSATION 18  
 DRUNKENNESS 14  
 AMERICA 21  
 FEMINISM 10  
 CRITICS 24  
 WRITERS 32  
 WRITERS 9  
 QUOTATIONS 7  
 AWARDS 11  
 CRITICS 17  
 LITERATURE 11  
 LITERATURE 13  
 LITERATURE 3  
 NEWSPAPERS 44  
 LITERATURE 2  
 CRITICS 39  
 LITERATURE 10  
 WOMEN 32  
 CHILDREN 23  
 OLD AGE 14  
 VIRTUE 11  
 EATING 1  
 OLD AGE 6  
 FAME 3  
 FAME 2  
 LIFESTYLE 10  
 WEALTH 19  
 DEATH 44  
 LIFESTYLE 8  
 EPITAPHS 14  
 READING 2  
 FOOD 28  
 AWARDS 8  
 TOWNS 16  
 OLD AGE 17  
 CATS 4  
 ENGLAND 9  
 HUSBANDS 28  
 LIFE 32  
 MARRIAGE 4



work for a l.	ACTING 22	not whether you win or l.	FAILURE 8
<b>llama</b> female l.	DESCRIPTION 7	way of ending a war is to l.	WAR 21
<b>Lloyd George</b> L. did not seem to care	PRIME MINISTERS 6	whether I win or l.	SUCCESS 30
<b>loaded</b> I practise when I'm l.	MUSICIANS 17	<b>losing</b> peace to Europe: by l.	DIPLOMACY 4
<b>loafing</b> organized l.	CRICKET 12	<b>loss</b> stress of financial l.	BUSINESS 3
<b>lobster</b> world is your l.	WIT 17	<b>lost</b> l. for words	CRITICS 45
<b>lobsters</b> l., absinthe, music	FRANCE 3	l. her reputation	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 25
<b>lock</b> l., stock and iceberg	CANADA 8	some people get l. in thought	IDEAS 2
<b>locked</b> l. him outside	HUSBANDS 7	those that get l.	TECHNOLOGY 3
<b>locks</b> louse in the l.	CRITICS 39	<b>lottery</b> unhappy l. winner	LIFE 30
<b>log</b> On a l.	DEATH 20	<b>loud</b> too long and too l.	WAR 24
<b>logic</b> answer your opponent's l.	INSULTS 25	<b>louse</b> l. in the locks	CRITICS 39
L. and taxation	TAXES 8	between a l. and a flea	POETS 11
Professor of L.	PHILOSOPHY 2	<b>lousy</b> L. but loyal	ROYALTY 4
<b>logical</b> l. positivists	LOVE 2	<b>lovable</b> extremely l.	CHILDREN 8
Well, that's l.	PHILOSOPHY 13	<b>love</b> both so much in l. with him	MARRIAGE 73
<b>logo</b> l. twice the size	ADVERTISING 9	capable of l.	LOVE 2
<b>loitered</b> l. of old on many a doorstep	NEWSPAPERS 42	do not l. thee	ENEMIES 3
<b>lol</b> don't type 'l.'	COMPUTERS 10	du Maurier making l.	ACTING 16
<b>London</b> L. Transport Diesel-engined	TRANSPORT 7	fall in l. with yourself	LOVE 23
tired of L.	TOWNS 18	God is l., but get it	GOD 31
wear brown in L.	COLOURS 3	Greater l.	FRIENDS 15
<b>loneliness</b> If you are afraid of l.	MARRIAGE 15	how much you l. them	LOVE 5
<b>lonely</b> l. eating spaghetti	FOOD 43	I l. my children	CHILDREN 33
<b>Lone Ranger</b> thinking of the L.	INTELLIGENCE 2	I l. the girl I'm near	LOVE 19
<b>long</b> all you have to do is to live l. enough	OLD AGE 14	I'm tired of L.	MONEY 5
anything with l. hair	MUSICIANS 14	L. and a cottage	LOVE 6
as the dey was l.	PUNS 7	L. and marriage	MARRIAGE 12
But it's so l.	THEATRE 14	L. conquers all things	LOVE 30
gone on too l.	PROGRESS 7	L. is the delusion	LOVE 25
gonna live this l.	OLD AGE 6	L. is the fart	LOVE 28
like a lady's dress: l. enough	SPEECHES 1	L. makes the world go round	DRINK 32
Like German opera, too l.	WAR 24	L.'s a disease. But curable	LOVE 24
little study you'll go a l. way	EDUCATION 12	L.'s like the measles	LOVE 21
l. as the real thing	CRITICS 15	L.-thirty, love-forty	TENNIS 1
l., long time	TELEVISION 6	l. each other all our lives	MARRIAGE 11
<b>longer</b> don't actually live l.	VIRTUE 11	l. is a thing that can	LOVE 26
little finger to become l.	MUSIC 44	l. is the answer	LOVE 29
[letter] l. than usual	LETTERS 10	l. life is like a piece	RELATIONSHIPS 12
<b>longest</b> l.-lived animal in the world	EXERCISE 13	l. like a fool	ENEMIES 8
<b>longevity</b> attribute my l.	OLD AGE 11	L., marriage and kids are fine	COMEDY 7
<b>longitude</b> l. with no platitude	LANGUAGE 6	l. oneself	LOVE 31
<b>look</b> I never l. up	TRANSPORT 3	l. the noise	ENGLAND 7
l. another	BODY 17	made l. as though they were	LOVE 8
l. at me that way	MORALITY 13	magic of first l.	LOVE 12
people will l. at anything	TELEVISION 12	make l. in a canoe	CANADA 2
sit and l. at it for hours	WORK 13	make l. in the afternoon	FRANCE 1
that l. women get	WOMEN 28	Make l. to every woman you meet	LOVE 4
<b>looked</b> better to be l. over	SATISFACTION 7	make l. to you	SEX 16
<b>looks</b> l. like a girl	WOMEN 6	making l. and dancing	EXERCISE 3
One of those l.	MARRIAGE 25	men have got l. well weighed up	LITERATURE 1
she needs good l.	MIDDLE AGE 11	not 'I l. you'	WORDS 1
<b>looney-bin</b> janitor to the l.	MEDICINE 34	porno movies are beautiful l. stories	MEN 16
<b>lord</b> drunk as a l.	COMEBACKS 13	return the l. you lavish	ANIMALS 11
-L. above made liquor	DRINK 28	sex with someone I l.	SEX 2
representation of Our L.	ART 2	soup and l.	FOOD 24
<b>lords</b> to be said for the L.	HOUSE OF LORDS 5	speech is like a l. affair	SPEECHES 19
<b>lorry</b> love in a l.	WIT 57	tender l. scene	FILM PRODUCERS 15
<b>Los Angeles</b> L. and a yogurt	TOWNS 29	That's how l. works	LOVE 1
Versailles of L.	HOLLYWOOD 18	To keep my l. alive	MURDER 4
<b>lose</b> l. no time	WIT 14	two insides make l.	SEX 51
l. one parent	FAMILY 36	What is commonly called l.	LOVE 13
		writing, like the art of l.	WRITING 17



- loved** I l. him and he loved him  
l. in triangles  
wish I l.
- loveliness** miracle of l.
- lovely** I looked l.  
It was such a l. day  
Shoulders back, l. boy
- lover** best l. in the world  
Scratch a l.  
what is left of a l.  
which husband was the best l.
- lovers** like very bad l.  
women should tell our l.
- loving** help l. the land  
lovely l.
- lower** cheaper to l. the Atlantic  
lies much l.  
l. orders don't set  
L. Seymour Street
- loyal** Lousy but l.  
l. to his own career
- loyalty** I want l.
- LSD** L.? Nothing much happened  
painter of L. without LSD
- luck** Bad l.  
bring him l.  
l. to get One perfect rose  
L., like a Russian car  
stamina and good l.
- lucky** l. if he gets out of it alive  
wonders if he'll get l.
- lucrative** l. to cheat
- lucubrations** your agglomerated l.
- lugubrious** l. man in a suit
- lunatic** girls' school and a l. asylum
- lunatics** l. have taken charge
- lunch** cork out of my l.  
Her l.  
hour off for l.  
L. Hollywood-style  
L. is for wimps  
no time for l.
- luncheon** soup at l.
- lunches** l. of fifty-seven years
- lunchtime** L. doubly so  
legend in his own l.
- lust** Green with l.  
ham and eggs to l. after it
- lusty** no longer enough to be l.
- luxury** l. was lavished
- lying** l. in state  
made l. an art form  
no fun l. to them anymore  
One of you is l.
- Lyme** old man of L.
- Macaulay** M. is like a book in breeches
- Macbeth** don't care for Lady M.  
Little Nell and Lady M.  
Perhaps M.
- machine** desiccated calculating m.  
ingenious m.  
make a m. that would walk
- mackintoshes** wet m.
- RELATIONSHIPS 14  
WRITERS 2  
HUMAN RACE 8  
BEAUTY 3  
APPEARANCE 6  
WEATHER 10  
COMEDY ROUTINES 36  
SEX 41  
FRIENDS 12  
HUSBANDS 27  
COMEBACKS 6  
RESTAURANTS 9  
ADVICE 14  
FRANCE 12  
LOVE 20  
FILM 7  
BODY 18  
CLASS 23  
CLASS 19  
ROYALTY 4  
POLITICIANS 13  
POWER 3  
DRUGS 2  
ART 23  
OLD AGE 11  
CERTAINTY 6  
TRANSPORT 16  
SUCCESS 12  
PRIME MINISTERS 24  
LIFE 11  
ROMANCE 7  
CRIME 9  
PRAISE 6  
POETS 5  
TELEVISION 14  
CINEMA 12  
DRINK 16  
ROYALTY 12  
GOVERNMENT 12  
HOLLYWOOD 11  
MANAGEMENT 8  
POLITICS 33  
CLASS 6  
BODY 32  
TIME 2  
FAME 9  
ROYALTY 6  
VIRTUE 13  
SEX 75  
CHILDREN 26  
DIPLOMACY 5  
WRITERS 37  
RELATIONSHIPS 3  
LIES 7  
WIVES 12  
WRITERS 35  
ACTING 27  
WRITERS 44  
ACTORS 24  
POLITICIANS 6  
BODY 10  
TECHNOLOGY 2  
TRAVEL 28
- mad** Don't get m.  
m. rocking-horse  
M., is he?  
M. dogs  
when a heroine goes m.
- made** m. for life
- madness** Fishing is a form of m.  
little spark of m.  
sort of m. [Marxism]
- Madonna** only thing M. will ever do
- Mafia** it's the M.
- magazine** falsehoods for a m.
- magazines** graves of little m.
- Magna Carta** M. mean nothing to you
- magnificent** more than m.
- maid** old m. is like death by drowning  
second wife always has a m.
- maiden** That wasn't a m. speech
- mail** deadlier than the m.
- Mailer** M. is, as usual
- maintenance** Take up car m.
- majesty** as Her M. remarked to me
- Major** M. Major it had been all three
- major** John M.'s self-control in cabinet
- Major-General** modern M.
- majority** admit to be the m.  
big enough m.  
m. is always the best
- majors** college m.
- make** movie I want to m.  
People who m. history  
Scotsman on the m.  
to m. it up
- maker** prepared to meet my M.
- male** as my m. organ  
existence of the m. sex  
it was a m. horse
- malfunction** Wardrobe m.
- malice** M. in Wonderland  
m. of a good thing  
measured m. of music
- malignant** part of Randolph that was not m.
- Malvern** Perrier or M. water
- mama** but it's M.  
m. of dada
- Mammon** God and M.
- man** Clothes by a m.  
get M. to shut up  
God is a m.  
hard m. is good to find  
let him pass for a m.  
m. bites a dog  
m. could be crossed with a cat  
M. does not live by words  
M. he eat the barracuda  
M. is one of the toughest  
m. is so in the way  
m. led by a bear  
m. more dined against than dining  
m. to a worm
- managed** world is disgracefully m.
- manager** m. gets the blame
- DIVORCE 9  
FILM STARS 5  
ARMED FORCES 8  
ENGLAND 11  
MENTAL HEALTH 10  
DEATH 27  
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ARMED FORCES 10  
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FOOLISHNESS 14  
DEMOCRACY 3  
ACADEMIC 13  
FILM PRODUCERS 13  
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SCOTLAND 1  
MIND 12  
GOD 16  
AUTOBIOGRAPHY 3  
MEN 33  
NATURE 5  
MISTAKES 31  
NAMES 6  
WIT 45  
MUSIC 25  
MEDICINE 33  
CHOICE 2  
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WRITERS 17  
GOD 38  
FASHION 6  
GOD 4  
RELIGION 42  
MEN 31  
MEN 30  
NEWSPAPERS 3  
CATS 11  
WORDS 19  
CLASS 12  
HUMAN RACE 7  
FAMILY LIFE 5  
WRITERS 7  
SOCIETY 4  
EATING 3  
GOD 23  
FOOTBALL 12



- WANT TO SEE THE M. 3  
was the best m. SELF-KNOWLEDGE 7
- Managing Director** M.'s chance to kiss the tea-girl  
OFFICE LIFE 7
- Mandelson** M. is someone who can skulk  
POLITICIANS 16
- Manet** Monet began by imitating M. ART 25
- manger** born in a m. BIRTH 1
- Manhattan** In M. TOWNS 11
- manhood** m. was an opportunity MEN 18
- manicures** M.: Which are basically BEAUTY 4
- Manila** get the gorilla in M. BOXING 2
- manly** admired a m. man MEN AND WOMEN 44
- Mann** M.'s inhumanity to Mann CRICKET 4
- manners** English m. MANNERS 13  
Good m. MANNERS 20  
M. are especially MANNERS 27  
m. can replace religious beliefs RELIGION 45  
m. of a Marquis HYPOCRISY 4  
m. out of men FEMINISM 4  
m. out of men MEN AND WOMEN 16  
must have nicer m. MANNERS 28
- mansions** M. can't run away to Switzerland TAXES 3
- manure** Money is like m. MONEY 28
- manuscript** M.: something submitted PUBLISHING 9  
removing irons and inserting m. PUBLISHING 1
- map** m. of the world to Genghis Khan ECONOMICS 12
- maps** Geography is about M. BIOGRAPHY 2  
Weatherwax didn't like m. TRAVEL 25
- march** m. on their stomachs ARMED FORCES 22
- marching** m. across your face FACES 8
- Marie** I am M. of Roumania LOVE 26
- marinate** can adequately m. MARRIAGE 25
- market** fitting the m. BUSINESS 13  
mass-m. appeal BIBLE 8  
on m. research BUSINESS 19  
world m. for maybe five computers COMPUTERS 14
- Market Harborough** AM IN M. TELEGRAMS 4
- marks** bears the m. of the last person INSULTS 22
- Marlow** You can see as far as M. MISTAKES 12
- Marlowe** quoting from this M. PREJUDICE 4
- marmalade** spread it about like m. WIT 11
- marquis** abducted by a French M. LANGUAGES 9  
manners of a M. HYPOCRISY 4  
M.'s Son Unused to Wine HEADLINES 11
- marred** man that's m. MARRIAGE 62
- marriage** broke up my m. FAMILY 4  
combine m. and a career WORK 18  
eyes wide open before m. MARRIAGE 33  
gay m. is something UNINTENDED 14  
get anywhere in a m. MARRIAGE 53  
hanging prevents a bad m. MARRIAGE 63  
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M. is a feast MARRIAGE 21  
M. is a great institution MARRIAGE 76  
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M. is a wonderful invention MARRIAGE 24  
M. isn't a word MARRIAGE 74  
M. is popular MARRIAGE 65
- M. may often be a stormy lake  
m. suffered a setback  
She broke her m. vows  
support gay m.
- marriages** All m. are happy
- married** Adam and Eve were m.  
almost got m.  
best thing about being m.  
don't get m.  
happily a woman may be m.  
I m. beneath me  
incomplete until he has m.  
kids when they got m.  
m. beneath him  
m. for more than ten minutes  
m. to an Englishman  
most m. man I ever saw  
not if he is m.  
not m. at all  
result of being unhappily m.  
thankfu' ye're no m. to her  
usually m. to each other  
very old m. couple  
we had never m. at all  
wench who is just m.  
what delight we m. people have  
woman's business to get m.  
would not have m.  
young man m.
- marries** man m. to have a home  
money as the man who m. it
- marry** and then m. him  
anyone who would m. *me*  
don't m. them  
every woman should m.  
How can a bishop m.  
if you never m.  
m. a man who hates his mother  
means to m. any vun  
men we wanted to m.  
never know who they may m.  
not to m. ladies  
persons about to m.  
that does not m. a fool  
wants to m. your grandmother  
When you m. your mistress
- Mars** attack from M. ARMED FORCES 21  
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- martinet** I am more than a m. MUSICIANS 19
- martinetissimo** I am a m. MUSICIANS 19
- Martini** into a dry M. DRINK 1  
two olives in your m. HAPPINESS 6
- Martinis** Those dry M. DRUNKENNESS 1
- Marx** M is for M. POLITICS 15
- Marxism** this sort of madness [M.] POLITICS 47
- Marxist** M.—of the Groucho tendency POLITICS 3
- marzipan** made out of pink m. FACES 5
- mascara** Twin miracles of m. PEOPLE 18
- mass** too lazy to go to M. RELIGION 43
- Massachusetts** poppa up in M. MURDER 2
- massage** generous butter m. COOKERY 8
- master** m. of the multipurpose POLITICIANS 5
- masters** they are not all m. ART 46
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<b>masters</b> (cont.)			transcendental m.	FISHING 2
like the old m.	FILM PRODUCERS 16		<b>Mediterranean</b> from the M.	TRAVEL 26
m. came and went	EDUCATION 22		<b>medium</b> m. because nothing's well	TELEVISION 1
<b>mastodons</b> like m.	FAMILY 39		Roast Beef, M.	FOOD 23
<b>masturbation</b> Don't knock m.	SEX 2		<b>meek</b> m. shall inherit the earth	WEALTH 11
M. is the thinking man's	SEX 43		<b>meekness</b> Ever heard of m. stopping	CLERGY 3
M.: the primary sexual activity	SEX 68		<b>meet</b> never seem to m.	HOME 11
<b>mate</b> should m. for life	MARRIAGE 1		prepared to m. my Maker	GOD 16
<b>maternity</b> M. is a matter of fact	PARENTS 1		<b>meetings</b> M. are a great trap	MANAGEMENT 3
<b>mathematics</b> resort to m.	RELIGION 39		M. are rather like cocktail parties	OFFICE LIFE 4
<b>maths</b> see your m. master	RELIGION 6		<b>melancholy</b> m. minus its charms	DEPRESSION 4
<b>Matilda</b> M. told such Dreadful Lies	LIES 3		surprisingly m.	SEX 66
<b>matrimony</b> critical period in m.	MARRIAGE 39		<b>melodies</b> I play his m.	MUSIC 28
m. at its lowest	MARRIAGE 71		<b>melody</b> When I think of a m.	UNINTENDED 16
m. consistent with the liberty	MARRIAGE 31		<b>member</b> ACCEPT ME AS A M.	SOCIETY 8
safest in m. to begin	MARRIAGE 66		<b>memoirs</b> Like all good m.	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 7
<b>matter</b> question of mind over m.	AGE 18		M. of the frivolous	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 1
very few things m. at all	LIFE 6		write one's m.	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 9
<b>matters</b> hair m.	HAIR 3		<b>memoranda</b> read these m.	GOVERNMENT 23
<b>mature</b> m. poets steal	POETRY 9		<b>memorandum</b> m. is written	BUREAUCRACY 1
<b>maturing</b> my mind is m. late	MIDDLE AGE 8		<b>memory</b> good health—and a bad m.	HAPPINESS 3
<b>maturity</b> M. is a hard price to pay	MIDDLE AGE 10		good old days than a bad m.	PAST 2
<b>matzo</b> any other part of the m.	FOOD 42		selective m. isn't selective	MEMORY 5
<b>mausoleum</b> built like a brick m.	INSULTS 45		<b>men</b> All m. are children	MEN 7
<b>mauve</b> offending orange and m.	PEOPLE 6		all our best m. are dead	LITERATURE 23
<b>may</b> at least the seventh of M.	WEATHER 14		believe that m. were the answer	MEN 5
<b>maybe</b> definite m.	CERTAINTY 8		feminist is about frightening m.	FEMINISM 3
<b>mayonnaise</b> jar of elderly m.	FOOD 53		gets to know of m.	CATS 10
on m.	FOOD 13		I hate m.	MEN AND WOMEN 43
<b>mayor</b> married the M.	POLITICIANS 4		is Greek for 'm.'	WORDS 14
M. of Birmingham	PRIME MINISTERS 29		It's not the m. in my life	SEX 74
<b>MCC</b> M. ends	ENGLAND 31		manners out of m.	FEMINISM 4
<b>McDonald</b> M.'s of sport	TENNIS 2		manners out of m.	MEN AND WOMEN 16
<b>McTavish</b> No M. Was ever lavish	SCOTLAND 8		m. had to have babies	BIRTH 2
<b>me</b> in himself than in m.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 1		M.'s bums never grow up	MEN 28
M. Tarzan	FILM 10		m. we wanted to marry	WOMEN 36
<b>meal</b> m. was never found	COOKERY 23		on account of them being m.	SCIENCE 10
of a good m.	FOOD 40		world without m.	MEN AND WOMEN 25
<b>mean</b> even if you don't m. it	ADVICE 16		<b>mention</b> Don't m. the war	COUNTRIES 5
only m. one thing	HUMOUR 1		<b>menu</b> m. consisted of two choices	FAMILY 13
say what you m.	CONVERSATION 6		when the Christians were on the m.	SPORTS 33
<b>meaning</b> dress has no m. unless	DRESS 19		<b>merchant</b> Hand me back to the m.	MODERN LIFE 3
m. of 'is'	WORDS 6		<b>mercy</b> don't want justice, I want m.	ART 17
teems with hidden m.	WORDS 8		like God's infinite m.	POLITICS 38
<b>means</b> die beyond my m.	DEATH 61		m. o' my soul	EPITAPHS 16
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<b>measles</b> Love's like the m.	LOVE 21		<b>meretricious</b> m. and a happy	COMEBACKS 14
<b>measured</b> m. malice of music	MUSIC 25		<b>merger</b> trying to pull off a m.	HEAVEN 7
<b>meat</b> If you give him m.	WRITERS 10		<b>merit</b> m. for a bishopric	CLERGY 15
sends us good m.	COOKERY 14		<b>merriment</b> m. of parsons	CLERGY 8
very old m.	FOOD 58		<b>merry</b> M. Christmas	CHRISTMAS 3
<b>medals</b> M., they're like haemorrhoids	AWARDS 12		<b>mesh</b> Biography is the m.	BIOGRAPHY 6
<b>media</b> I'll alert the m.	FAME 15		<b>mess</b> By man what a m.	AUSTRALIA 7
m.. It sounds like	TELEVISION 18		Latin for 'the m. we're in'	POLITICS 42
<b>medicine</b> desire to take m.	MEDICINE 26		m. left over from other people	TOWNS 24
home studying m.	MEDICINE 21		why I'm a m.	FAMILY 27
<b>medieval</b> Paleolithic emotions, m. institutions	HUMAN RACE 15		<b>message</b> M.? What the hell do you think I am	THEATRE 7
<b>mediocre</b> it's m.	FILM 5		take a m. to Albert	LAST WORDS 4
m. speaker can render	SPEECHES 26		<b>messages</b> M. should be delivered	CINEMA 7
<b>mediocrities</b> M. Think	AUSTRALIA 5		<b>Messiah</b> He's not the M.	GOD 15
<b>mediocrity</b> m. thrust upon them	INSULTS 24		<b>messing</b> Stop m. about	COMEDY ROUTINES 38
<b>meditation</b> My son's taken up m.	IDLENESS 4		<b>met</b> m. his own deadline	EPITAPHS



<b>metaphor</b> multipurpose m.	POLITICIANS 5	travel broadens the m.	TRAVEL 9
<b>metaphysical</b> m. fox	CONVERSATION 26	trouble with having an open m.	MIND 9
<b>metaphysics</b> cheating on my m. final	EXAMINATIONS 1	woman's m.	MEN AND WOMEN 24
<b>Methuselah</b> M. live nine hundred years	OLD AGE 17	<b>minding</b> not m. not having	YOUTH 9
<b>metropolis</b> I never write m.	WORDS 20	<b>minds</b> dirty m.	CENSORSHIP 16
<b>mezzanine</b> down into the m. floor	BODY 32	<b>mine</b> In case it is one of m.	PARENTS 8
<b>mice</b> jobs minding m. at a crossroads	POLITICIANS 26	<b>minefield</b> if you're fat, is a m.	DIETS 8
<b>Michelangelo</b> designs by M.	COUNTRIES 28	<b>mineral</b> not the m. rights	WEALTH 11
<b>Mickey Mouse</b> M. brand	FILM PRODUCERS 2	<b>mineworkers</b> National Union of M.	POLITICS 29
<b>microbe</b> M. is so very small	SCIENCE 5	<b>minister</b> Tory m. can sleep in ten	MORALITY 21
<b>microwave</b> new m. oven	COOKERY 11	<b>ministers</b> how much my M. talk	GOVERNMENT 28
<b>midday</b> burning the m. oil	IDLENESS 5	M. of State	GOVERNMENT 7
<b>middle</b> give your child a m. name	NAMES 5	my actions are my m.	ROYALTY 10
sleep my way to the m.	AMBITION 3	<b>mink</b> m. in her closet	WOMEN 20
<b>middle age</b> dead centre of m.	MIDDLE AGE 1	<b>Minoan</b> but M.	PUNS 2
perpetual m.	MIDDLE AGE 7	<b>minorities</b> M...are almost always	POLITICS 48
<b>middle class</b> M. was quite prepared	PRIME MINISTERS 7	<b>mints</b> After-Eight thin m.	FOOD 31
with a powerful m.	POLITICS 18	<b>minutes</b> about five m. more	SLEEP 1
<b>middle classes</b> lower m.	CLASS 10	first ninety m. are the most	FOOTBALL 20
<b>midget</b> m. is good at being short	ACTORS 20	fool for at least five m.	FOOLISHNESS 6
<b>might</b> It m. have been	MISTAKES 18	ninety m.	TELEVISION 6
<b>mild</b> I'm very m.	MORALITY 13	some are about four m.	SONGS 6
prefer m. hale	CHAMPAGNE 7	two m.' silence	WRITERS 5
<b>miles</b> started walking five m. a day	FAMILY 7	worst 20 m. of my life	SICKNESS 5
<b>military</b> m. man approaches	ARMED FORCES 24	You can have the seven m.	TIME 10
unfit for m. service	ARMED FORCES 12	<b>mirror</b> in the rear view m.	BUSINESS 19
<b>milk</b> article on the price of m.	MISTAKES 25	on a steamed m.	LIFE 13
between the m. and the yoghurt	WRITERS 36	<b>miscast</b> He's m.	ACTORS 34
find a trout in the m.	LAW 24	<b>miserable</b> arise and make them m.	POWER 2
Gin was mother's m.	DRINK 44	depressed and m.	DEPRESSION 2
maximum amount of m.	TAXES 10	divided up into the horrible and the m.	LIFE 3
m. of human kindness	WRITERS 21	m. as the rest of us	MARRIAGE 34
m.'s leap	FOOD 22	two people m. instead of four	MARRIAGE 10
neither does m.	DRINK 2	<b>misery</b> m. of a man in pursuit	HUSBANDS 11
other m.	ANIMALS 23	result m.	DEBT 3
tried to m. the horse	NATURE 5	<b>misfortune</b> m. to ourselves	MISTAKES 8
<b>mill</b> John Stuart M.	ECONOMICS 3	necessary m. of life	SUCCESS 28
<b>million</b> first ten m. years	PAST 1	that would be a m.	MISTAKES 13
<b>millionaire</b> average m. is only	WEALTH 17	<b>misfortunes</b> Few m.	MOTHERS 3
grow up I'm going to be a m.	WEALTH 12	m. often reveal	PARTIES 10
m. has just as good	DEMOCRACY 7	<b>mislead</b> one to m. the public	STATISTICS 1
m. Paul Daniels	DATING 1	<b>miss</b> I must admit, I still m. him	MEN AND WOMEN 14
M. That is my religion	WEALTH 18	m. the train before	TRANSPORT 5
old-fashioned m.	MONEY 13	M. World, Miss England	WIT 7
too much to ask of a m.	MEN 12	Never m. a chance	TELEVISION 19
<b>millionairesses</b> some lesser m.	WEALTH 5	you can m. it again	THEATRE 9
<b>millions</b> opinion against that of m.	MUSIC 29	<b>missed</b> never m. it	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 25
<b>Milton Keynes</b> Commander of M.	AWARDS 6	who never would be m.	CRIME 19
<b>miminy</b> m., piminy	MEN 13	<b>missing</b> I was always m.	WIT 7
<b>mind</b> don't m. if I do	COMEDY ROUTINES 17	<b>missionaries</b> critics, and m.	CRITICS 41
duty to speak one's m.	MORALITY 20	M. came to Africa	RELIGION 63
Free your m.	DIETS 12	<b>missionary</b> asked the local m. priest	RELIGION 21
how I miss my m.	OLD AGE 20	cheerful, fat m.	SECRECY 9
If I am out of my m.	MIND 3	eat a m.	ANIMALS 30
m. cannot absorb what	RELIGION 49	m. position of cooking	COOKERY 19
m. of Ronald Reagan	PRESIDENTS 19	m.'s shank	FOOD 27
m. so fine no idea could	WRITERS 16	Uncle Harry's not a m.	CLERGY 4
my m. is maturing late	MIDDLE AGE 8	<b>missus</b> M., my Lord	MARRIAGE 60
piece of her m.	GIFTS 4	<b>mistake</b> m. I made in the court below	LAW 23
prodigious quantity of m.	MIND 12	m. in the translation	MORALITY 18
question of m. over matter	AGE 18	same m. once	MARRIAGE 8
		Shome m.	COMEDY ROUTINES 35



**mistake** (cont.)

usually a m.	HUMAN RACE 2
When I make a m., it's a beaut	MISTAKES 22
<b>mistakes</b> learned from the m.	HISTORY 18
made a great many more m.	MISTAKES 33
made a lot of m.	GOD 37
make all the same m.	LIFESTYLE 4
make more m. faster	COMPUTERS 12
spelling m. have been left in	BOOKS 16
<b>mistress</b> m. of the Earl	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 12
m. should be like	MEN AND WOMEN 64
next a m.	MEN AND WOMEN 10
too good to become your m.	ROYALTY 38
When you marry your m.	WIVES 8
<b>mistresses</b> No, I shall have m.	LAST WORDS 5
or your Lordship's m.	COMEBACKS 15
<b>mists</b> m. of righteous indignation	HYPOCRISY 8
<b>misunderestimated</b> m. me	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 5
<b>moanday</b> m., tearsday, wailsday	RELIGION 33
<b>moans</b> client m. and sighs	ADVERTISING 9
<b>mob</b> do what the m. do	POLITICS 17
<b>Moby Dick</b> M. nearly became	THEATRE 30
M. the whale or the man	LITERATURE 25
<b>mock</b> only Tudor that we m.	ARCHITECTURE 8
<b>model</b> I am the very m.	ARMED FORCES 10
male m. from Spain	MEN AND WOMEN 38
<b>moderate</b> m. income	WEALTH 9
<b>moderation</b> M. is a fatal thing	SUCCESS 31
<b>modern</b> adjective 'm.', when applied	ART 21
all the m. inconveniences	PROGRESS 9
all the other great m. cities	TOWNS 24
m., intelligent, independent-type woman	
	MODERN LIFE 13
m. Major-General	ARMED FORCES 10
<b>modest</b> [Attlee is] a m. man	PRIME MINISTERS 19
no talent and is m.	ENGLAND 1
<b>modesty</b> Boasting about m.	ENGLAND 2
proud of our national m.	BRITISH 5
time to cultivate m.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 19
<b>moi</b> Pretentious? M.?	COMEDY ROUTINES 37
<b>moisturiser</b> got into m.	APPEARANCE 15
<b>moll</b> King's M. Reno'd	ROYALTY 2
<b>mom</b> how long my m. can keep	MONEY 7
<b>moments</b> Wagner has lovely m.	MUSIC 41
<b>mommy</b> M. on a pedestal	FAMILY 21
<b>Mona Lisa</b> M. just looks like	ART 26
<b>monarch</b> m. of the road	TRANSPORT 7
<b>monarchy</b> presidency is a Tudor m.	PRESIDENTS 4
<b>Monet</b> M. began by imitating Manet	ART 25
<b>money</b> all my m. to myself	DEATH 13
ask where the m. was going	BUSINESS 18
Being young is not having any m.	YOUTH 9
borrer the m.	HAPPINESS 15
brigands demand your m.	WOMEN 7
fool and his m.	BETTING 7
fool and his m. are soon parted	MONEY 14
get m. from it	ADVERTISING 5
hain't the m., but th' principle	MONEY 24
half as much m.	CHILDREN 31
he's a bum with m.	WEALTH 6
hired the m.	DEBT 1
Hollywood m.	HOLLYWOOD 19
interested in m.	CINEMA 13

I really love having m.	WEALTH 7
just sit and count m.	MUSIC 32
lend you m.	MONEY 23
lost m. by underestimating	INTELLIGENCE 13
M. couldn't buy	FRIENDS 11
m. falls apart	FRANCE 16
M. is better than poverty	MONEY 1
M. is like manure	MONEY 28
M. is what you'd get on	MONEY 21
m. or your life	MONEY 6
m. to look this cheap	APPEARANCE 18
M. was exactly like sex	MONEY 3
M., wife, is the true fuller's earth	MONEY 18
never lose m.	BUSINESS 7
no m. refunded	ROYALTY 24
NO M. TILL YOU LEARN TO SPELL	TELEGRAMS 12
poor man with m.	WEALTH 10
safest way to double your m.	ECONOMICS 11
their having a lot of m.	WEALTH 16
there's no m. left	POLITICS 10
try to rub up against m.	MONEY 30
turning one's enemies into m.	NEWSPAPERS 5
vegetable with looks and m.	FOOD 47
what the Lord God thinks of m.	WEALTH 1
write home for m.	WRITING 19
wrote, except for m.	WRITING 14
you're making too much m.	DRUGS 8
<b>Mongolia</b> British Outer M. for retired	
	HOUSE OF LORDS 2
<b>monkeys</b> cheese-eating surrender m.	FRANCE 6
million m.	COMPUTERS 16
<b>monogamous</b> Woman m.	MARRIAGE 44
<b>monogamy</b> men think m. is something	MEN 20
M. is the same	HUSBANDS 4
<b>monotony</b> long m. of marriage	MARRIAGE 37
<b>monster</b> many-headed m. of the pit	AUDIENCES 5
m. that screams	MUSIC 45
<b>monstrous</b> m. carbuncle	ARCHITECTURE 6
<b>month</b> if they wait for a m.	LETTERS 7
m. of honey	MARRIAGE 9
time of the m. I can be myself	WOMEN 4
<b>months</b> about three m.	WEDDINGS 3
celebrated our two m. anniversary	RELATIONSHIPS 6
Eleven m.' hard work	GARDENS 4
<b>monument</b> m. to modern man's	BUREAUCRACY 5
<b>monumental</b> I had a m. idea	IDEAS 4
<b>moo</b> minimum of m.	TAXES 10
One end is m.	ANIMALS 23
<b>mood</b> improves the m. of the Party	
	POLITICAL PARTIES 3
<b>moon</b> politicians have promised the m.	AMBITION 7
<b>moose</b> French kiss a m.	PEOPLE 24
<b>moral</b> Arthur is wicked and m.	PRIME MINISTERS 15
Being m. isn't what you do	MORALITY 9
look both m. and exciting	MORALITY 3
m. or an immoral book	BOOKS 28
thinks he is m.	ENGLAND 33
<b>morality</b> Goodbye, m.	ART 15
suburbs of m.	VIRTUE 9
<b>morals</b> either m. or principles	INSULTS 21
Have you no m., man	MORALITY 16
m. make you dreary	MORALITY 17
m. of a Methodist	HYPOCRISY 4



- more** about five minutes m.  
m. and more about less  
m. equal than others  
m. than she ever did  
There's m. of you  
you've made a lot m.
- moreish** that crack is really m.
- morning** dawn of the m. after  
getting up in the m.  
M. comes whether you set  
m. feeling just plain terrible
- Mornington** present of M. Crescent
- Morocco** we're M. bound
- moron** consumer isn't a m.  
IQ of a m.
- mortality** emblem of m.
- mortgage** Authors with a m.
- mortuary** telegram from the m.
- Moses** leave M. out of  
M. had run them through
- mosquitoes** Vietnam without the m.
- moss** Kate M. would be used as
- mother** behave like Whistler's M.  
concept of an eternal m.  
done with your m.  
either my father or my m.  
Gin was m.'s milk  
having killed his m.  
his m. couldn't come  
his m. was glad  
I threw my m. into it  
man who hates his m.  
m. and sisters  
m. had a good deal of trouble  
m. phoned and said  
m. suffers from  
M. to dozens  
m. wanted me to be  
m. who talks about  
My m. made me a homosexual  
really affectionate m.  
skin of his m.  
slapped my m.  
so his m. says  
What's my m. going to do  
When your m. asks  
WONT M. BE PLEASED
- Mother Goose** believe in M.
- mother-in-law** m. broke up  
m. died  
m. drive over a cliff  
pleasure to my m.  
savage contemplates his m.  
send your m.  
stands a surprised m.  
surprised m.
- mothers** become like their m.  
dress like their m.  
m. of large families
- mothers-in-law** grouped with m.  
Two m.
- motivation** What is my m.
- motive** look for the Ulsterior m.
- SLEEP 1  
MEDICINE 24  
DEMOCRACY 11  
WOMEN 22  
ECONOMICS 2  
GOD 37  
DRUGS 1  
DRUNKENNESS 1  
DRINK 34  
TIME 14  
SICKNESS 9  
ACTING 14  
DICTIONARIES 2  
ADVERTISING 7  
PEOPLE 27  
DEATH 21  
WRITING 5  
FAMILY 3  
FILM PRODUCERS 1  
RELIGION 50  
WAR 14  
ART 11  
DESCRIPTION 2  
ROYALTY 15  
FAMILY 25  
PARENTS 16  
DRINK 44  
FAMILY 24  
WEDDINGS 6  
CHILDREN 12  
PARENTS 14  
HUSBANDS 10  
COMEBACKS 8  
MOTHERS 5  
APPEARANCE 6  
PUNS 4  
WOMEN 19  
MEN 8  
WRITERS 15  
SEX 12  
MOTHERS 3  
PRIME MINISTERS 28  
APPEARANCE 28  
COMEDY ROUTINES 3  
BUREAUCRACY 2  
MOTHERS 1  
TELEGRAMS 7  
GOD 20  
FAMILY 4  
DEATH 30  
WORDS 15  
FAMILY 5  
FAMILY LIFE 4  
COUNTRIES 3  
MEN 15  
SUCCESS 10  
PARENTS 18  
MEN AND WOMEN 7  
ANIMALS 6  
CIVIL SERVANTS 1  
MARRIAGE 61  
ACTING 1  
PREJUDICE 14
- motoribus** Cincti Bis M.
- Motown** first person at M. to ask
- mountains** designed these m.
- Mountie** Climb every M.
- mourning** very deep m.
- mouse** except that damned M.  
invention of a m.
- moustache** chap with a small m.  
man who *didn't* wax his m.
- moustaches** men with waxed m.
- mouth** just whispering in her m.  
keep your m. shut  
learn to keep his m. shut  
opens his m. and puts his feats  
put in your m.  
silver foot in his m.  
whose m. they've been in  
z is keeping your m. shut
- move** high altar on the m.  
want to m. in with them
- moves** stuff that m. is soup
- movie** certain French m. star  
make a m. out of  
m. I want to make
- movies** M. should have  
not to write for the m.
- moving** often m. in opposite directions  
you must keep m.
- Mozart** M. was my age
- MP** M. is the sort of job  
Being an M. feeds your vanity  
I'm your M.  
lap dancer than a woman M.
- MPs** dull M. in close proximity  
more M. called John  
When in that House M. divide
- Ms** M. means nudge, nudge, wink, wink
- much** I don't think m. of it  
seem m. for them to be  
Too m. of a good thing
- muddle** beginning, a m.
- muddy** bag of m. parsnips
- muffins** What is that? [sniff] m.
- multiplication** M. is vexation
- multipurpose** m. metaphor
- mum** your m. and dad
- Mumbo** combine M. with Jumbo
- mummy** make one's m. just as nice
- Munich** M. Beer Festival
- murder** m. into the home  
m. often  
people admit to m.
- murdered** m. reputations
- murderer** common m.  
Every m. is probably  
m. for a fancy prose style  
mass m. suffering
- murderers** mass m.
- murdering** m. his publisher
- Murdoch** in a M. newspaper
- mushroom** too short to stuff a m.
- music** all the better for m.  
Appreciation of M.
- TRANSPORT 9  
BUSINESS 18  
COUNTRIES 27  
CANADA 10  
DEATH 8  
CHOICE 4  
FAME 13  
DESCRIPTION 18  
KISSING 4  
APPEARANCE 2  
KISSING 5  
SPEECHES 28  
HUSBANDS 21  
BORES 7  
ART 43  
PRESIDENTS 21  
WORDS 17  
LIFESTYLE 7  
DESCRIPTION 5  
CHILDREN 10  
FLYING 7  
HAPPINESS 8  
BOOKS 12  
FILM PRODUCERS 13  
CINEMA 4  
BIBLE 2  
MARRIAGE 68  
LIFE 14  
SUCCESS 15  
MEMBERS 1  
MEMBERS 9  
POLITICIANS 17  
MEMBERS 10  
MEMBERS 7  
NAMES 13  
MEMBERS 8  
LANGUAGE 3  
LAST WORDS 16  
HUMAN RACE 1  
SATISFACTION 8  
LITERATURE 15  
CLASS 17  
LIFE 26  
SCIENCE 2  
POLITICIANS 5  
PARENTS 9  
RELIGION 9  
ART 44  
SPORTS 33  
MURDER 5  
DIVORCE 6  
BORES 11  
GOSSIP 2  
COOKERY 22  
MURDER 3  
MURDER 8  
CHILDREN 36  
ART 18  
PUBLISHING 2  
NEWSPAPERS 33  
TIME 11  
MUSICIANS 16  
CRITICS 34



**music** (cont.)

Classic m. is th'kind	MUSIC 21
how potent cheap m. is	MUSIC 13
I don't like my m.	MUSIC 29
I hate m.	MUSIC 16
It'll be good Jewish m.	MUSIC 23
may not like m.	ENGLAND 7
measured malice of m.	MUSIC 25
m. had finished	DANCE 4
M. helps not the toothache	MUSIC 20
m. one must hear several times	OPERA 8
m. was more important than sex	SEX 55
People never talked about my m.	SONGS 7
play American m.	COUNTRIES 6
plays good m.	CONVERSATION 29
potent m. can be	MUSIC 54
reasonable good ear in m.	MUSIC 46
What m. is more enchanting	YOUTH 7
<b>musical</b> M. comedy is the Irish stew	THEATRE 34
M. people are so absurdly	MUSIC 52
<b>musicologist</b> m. is a man who	MUSICIANS 4
<b>mustard</b> can't you cut the m.	AGE 17
Pass the m.	HUMOUR 9
<b>mutton</b> make them into m.-pies	COOKERY 7
<b>mutual</b> m. knowledge	FRIENDS 17
<b>myself</b> He reminds me of m.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 6
<b>mystery</b> hissed my m. lectures	WIT 49
<b>nags</b> N. away from arsehole to	WRITERS 31
<b>nailing</b> n. his colours	CERTAINTY 7
<b>nails</b> relatively clean finger n.	LAWYERS 5
<b>naive</b> n. domestic Burgundy	WINE 8
<b>naked</b> born n. and the rest is drag	LIFE 31
n. and not be upstaged	BODY 25
n. women	TRAVEL 28
<b>name</b> colonies in your wife's n.	WAR 13
dad's n. all over his underwear	FASHION 10
give your child a middle n.	NAMES 5
good n. will wear out	NAMES 21
halfway through her n.	NAMES 2
I don't wish to sign my n.	LETTERS 12
I write my n.	BOOKS 13
my n. in such large letters	FAME 26
n. is neither one thing	NAMES 4
n. is not in the obits	DEATH 18
n. we give the people	DEMOCRACY 5
remember your n.	NAMES 19
Under an assumed n.	BETTING 8
<b>named</b> so good they n. it twice	TOWNS 19
<b>name-dropper</b> must not be a n.	NAMES 17
<b>names</b> new n.	NAMES 3
still call him vile n.	INSULTS 25
<b>nap</b> then it's time for my n.	AGE 10
<b>napkin</b> more laps than a n.	INSULTS 59
<b>Napoleon</b> every man is N.	CATS 3
Jesus Christ and N.	PRIME MINISTERS 30
N.'s armies	ARMED FORCES 22
wanted to be N.	AMBITION 2
<b>Napoleons</b> worship the Caesars and N.	POWER 2
<b>narrow</b> n. waist	MIDDLE AGE 5
notions should be so n.	CLERGY 6
<b>nasty</b> n. as himself	OPTIMISM 8
Something n. in the woodshed	MISTAKES 14
<b>Natchez</b> young belle of old N.	DRESS 15

**nation** let alone a n.

n. is only at peace when

teddy bear to the n.

top n.

**national** N. Debt**nations** n. behave wisely

Other n. use force

small n. like prostitutes

**native** asked the way by a n.

Esperanto like a n.

**natural** her colour is n.

On the stage he was n.

**nature** at two with n.

directly from n.

loves n. in spite of what

N.'s way of telling you

phenomenon of n.

position in n.

stuff that n. replaces

**natures** terribly weak n.**naughty** He's a very n. boy!**nauseating** admiring a n. picture**Navaho** than Basque or N.**naval** n. tradition**navy** joined the N.

n. blue of India

No n., I suppose

of the Queen's N.

**near** When I'm not n. the girl I love**necessity** nasty old invention—N.**neck** why I should break my n.**need** don't n. you anymore

whenever we n. them

**needle** n. in a haystack**neglect** die of n.

perfectly understandable n.

**Negro** N. could never hope**neigh** people expect me to n.**neighbourhood** lived in a better n.**neighbours** love our n.

N. you annoy

**neither** N. am I**Nell** death of Little N.

Little N. and Lady Macbeth

**nephews** erring n.**nerve** always called a n. specialist

n. has been extracted

**nervous** disease, they call it n.

n. to kill himself

**Nescafé** N. society**nest** does not leave the n.**net** gross habits with my n. income

tennis with the n. down

too old to rush up to the n.

**neurosis** n. is a secret**neurotic** n. is a person who builds**never** I n. use a big, big D

n. can tell

n. to be played again

**new** costly or n. in their attire

happy N. Year

have some n. clichés

kill you in a n. way

HUMOUR 4

WAR 18

WRITERS 1

HISTORY 15

DEBT 9

HISTORY 8

BRITISH 10

DIPLOMACY 7

TRAVEL 21

LANGUAGES 14

APPEARANCE 23

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NATURE 1

MEN AND WOMEN 45

ROYALTY 27

DEATH 5

FILM STARS 10

HUMAN RACE 6

NATURE 23

CHARACTER 21

GOD 15

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ARMED FORCES 4

ARMED FORCES 3

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ARMED FORCES 9

LOVE 19

POVERTY 3

SPORTS 3

FAME 23

DEMOCRACY 5

WORDS 3

IDEAS 8

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ROYALTY 1

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MEDICINE 22

CHARACTER 18

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OLD AGE 9

MONEY 15

POETRY 10

MIDDLE AGE 1

MIND 13

MENTAL HEALTH 1

LANGUAGE 9

CERTAINTY 14

MUSIC 18

FASHION 4

COMEBACKS 14

CINEMA 8

PROGRESS 8



- making n. enemies  
n. names  
WHAT'S N.
- New England** N. is not Puritanism
- news** Good n. rarely comes  
n. running ahead of itself  
President who never told bad n.  
that is n.  
TV N. for forty years  
wonderful how much n. there is
- New South Wales** govern N.
- newspaper** Accuracy to a n.  
exactly fits in the n.  
n. which weighs as much  
wrapped in a Murdoch n.  
writes for his own n.
- newspapers** all you read in the n.  
don't actually read n.  
Four hostile n. are more  
I read the n. avidly  
N., even, have degenerated  
worst n.
- New York** back in N.  
car is useless in N.  
kind of N.  
N. is Big  
N.'s like a disco  
New York, N.  
three o'clock in N.
- New Zealanders** When N. emigrate
- Niagara** on seeing N. Falls
- nice** amazing how n. people are  
be a n. boy  
Be n. to people  
Cusins is a very n. fellow  
does something n., just to  
n. girl's ambition  
n. men did things for you  
N. work if you can get it
- nicest** n. old lady
- nickel** put the n. in the toilet
- nickname** n. lasts forever  
really needed a n. at school
- niece** I have a n. called Smith
- Nietzsche** would not like N.
- night** Baby, I went to n. school  
going to take more than one n.  
It goes of a n.  
It was a n.  
like driving a car at n.  
only for a n. and away
- nightclub** in some cosy n.
- nightgowns** tweed n.
- nightingale** n. will run out of songs
- nights** n. left open to chance
- Nile** allegory on the banks of the N.
- nine** are there two n. o'clocks
- nineteenth** snappy n.-century
- ninety** first n. minutes are the most  
n. minutes
- nipples** upstaged by your n.
- nix** Sticks n. hick pix
- Nixon** N. impeached himself
- LAST WORDS 18  
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BODY 25  
HEADLINES 4  
PRESIDENTS 1
- no** can say n.  
can't say N. in any of them  
Computer says N.  
Yeah but n. but yeah
- Noah** N. he often said
- Nobel** dinner for N. Prizewinners  
pick up my N. Prize  
you deserve the N. prize
- nobility** might be called 'downward n.'
- noble** N. deeds and hot baths  
towards n. authors
- nobleman** as a n. should do
- noblest** n. prospect
- nobody** give a war and n. will come  
n. knew what was going on  
n. knows De stubble I've seen  
N., and that's my complaint
- noise** Etiquette is the n. you don't  
love the n.  
n. at one end  
n., my dear! And the people  
valued till they make a n.
- noises** meaningless Celtic n.
- noisy** twice as n.
- non** is a n.-starter  
n. compos penis
- none** If Nun, write N.  
I have n.
- nonexistent** obsolescent and the n.
- noon** don't feel anything until n.
- Norfolk** Very flat, N.
- north** N., where England tucks
- Norway** got an award for N.
- Norwegian** N. language  
N. television
- Norwegians** don't like the N.
- nose** lifts his n.  
man who could not make up his n.  
not a n. at all  
wipe a bloody n.
- nostalgia** N. isn't what it used to be
- nostrils** only flair is in her n.
- not** N. while I'm alive he ain't
- notes** playing all the right n.  
right n. at the right time
- nothing** better than sitting doing n.  
doing n. to some purpose  
get all excited about n.  
going to do n.  
I do n., granted  
man who, having n. to say  
not enough to do n.  
n. a-year, paid quarterly  
n. fails like failure  
n. happens, twice  
N. is often a good thing  
n. like it  
of you with n. on  
stand for n. fall for anything  
Worked myself up from n.
- notices** I got pretty good n.
- notions** n. should be so narrow
- Notre Dame** towers of N. to dance
- DIPLOMACY 12  
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HOPE 7  
CHARACTER 8  
POVERTY 7  
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**novel** Anyone could write a n.

bad n. tells us the truth

In every first n.

**novels** one makes good n.

**novelty** n. of sleeping with a queen

**nowhere** bloke who comes from n.

**nudge** Ms means n., nudge, wink, wink

**nudity** n. on stage

**nuisance** really rather a n.

**number** called the wrong n.

n. for a dinner

**nun** If N., write *None*

nice to have a n. around

**nuns** n. in a rugger scrum

recreation for dedicated n.

**nups** Queen to skip Chuck n.

**nurse** keep a-hold of N.

N. UNUPBLOWN

**nursery** more often his n.

**nut** N. SCREWS WASHERS

**nuts** Did I say n.

where the n. come from

**nylons** Kneeling bags my n.

**oatcakes** Calvin, o., and sulphur

**oats** feeds the horse enough o.

O.. A grain, which in England

**OBE** O. is what you get if you clean

**obey** people would immediately o.

**obeyed** She who must be o.

**obits** name is not in the o.

**obituaries** read the o.

**obituary** just read o.

o. in serial form

to the o. page

**object** another o. of equal size

**oblivion** O...fame's eternal

**obscurity** snatches a man from o.

**obsolescent** o. and the nonexistent

**obstacle** o. racing

**obstacles** incredible lack of o.

**obstructing** without o. the view

**occasional** o. heart attack

**occupation** o. for an idle hour

some sort of o.

**occupational** become an o. hazard

**occupations** worse o. in the world

**occurred** Ought never to have o.

**o'clocks** are there two nine o.

**October** funny kind of month, O.

**odd** astonishment's o.

exceedingly o.

It's an o. job

Not o. of God

not so o.

o. of God

**odds** gamble at terrible o.

**odium** He lived in the o.

**odorous** Comparisons are o.

**off** gets o. with women

know how to turn it o.

**offal** don't do o.

**offence** ended up taking o.

**offensive** You are extremely o.

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**offer** o. he can't refuse

**office** By office boys for o. boys

drunk or running for o.

in which the o. is held

o. as a social centre

o. party

o. party is not

O. hours

**official** O. Secrets Act

This high o.

**officials** public o.

**officially** O. to keep alive

**oil** burning the midday o.

like an o. painting

Strike o.

**oilcloth** o. pockets

**old** all o. but they are not all

another o.-fashioned

Anyone can get o.

as o. as his arteries

as o. as the fish

avoid o. people

from ingénue to o. bag

give an interest to one's o. age

Growing o. is like being

HOW O. CARY GRANT

in Beverly Hills grows o.

like the o. masters

o. age is always fifteen years older

o. have reminiscences

outrageous o. fellow

point in growing o.

sad to grow o.

too decent, too o.

woman o. enough to be my wife

You dirty o. man

young can do for the o.

you're too o.

**older** ask somebody o. than me

fifteen years o. than I am

o. faces

o. I get, the better I used

**old-fashioned** o. millionaire

**olives** finding two o. in your martini

**Olympics** knew nothing about the O.

**ombibulous** I'm o.

**omelette** o. all over our suits

**omelettes** make o. properly

**omnibus** horse power O.

**Onan** named her canary 'O.'

**Onassis** O. would not

**once** every house in London, o.

only be killed o.

same mistake o.

way I live, o. is enough

**once-bitten** o. there is no cure

**one** contract is so o.-sided

Just the o., dear

number o. book

**one-horse** no longer a o. town

**onion** developing a tearless o.

half an o. left over

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- oozed** brain has o. out
- open** declare this thing o.  
eyes wide o. before marriage  
function when they are o.  
it was an o. cow  
o. in two weeks  
o. pickle jars  
o. that Pandora's Box  
trouble with having an o. mind
- opening** Another o. of another show
- open-plan** split-level and o.
- opera** language an o. is sung in  
Like German o., too long  
o. ain't over  
o. isn't what it used to be  
Parsifal is the kind of o.
- operas** French o. sung by
- Ophelia** actually sleep with O.  
much worse for my sister O.
- opinion** higher o. of him  
his own o. of himself  
never chooses an o.  
never had a humble o.  
o. against that of millions
- opinions** high quality of early o.
- opium** He smoked o.
- opportunities** o. for fresh disasters
- opportunity** manhood was an o.  
maximum of o.  
often miss o. because  
this is your golden o.  
when he had the o.
- oppose** o. everything
- opposing** o. certainties
- opposites** Because o. attract
- opposition** duty of an O.
- oppression** injustice and o.
- oral** word about o. contraception  
worst thing about o. sex
- orange** happen to be an o.  
just prematurely o.  
offending o. and mauve
- oratorios** o. being sung
- orchard** Trees in the o.
- orchestra** by the waves or by the o.  
two golden rules for an o.  
women in an o.
- order** dictionary out of o.  
not necessarily in the right o.  
not necessarily in that o.  
O. TOILET PAPER
- ordered** side dish he hadn't o.
- ordering** better o. of the universe
- orders** gave them their o.
- organ** as my male o.  
o. of prodigious diameter  
second favourite o.
- organically** o. grown fruits and vegetables
- organism** o. to live beyond
- organized** o. loafing
- organs** o. have been transplanted
- orgasm** o. has replaced the Cross
- orgy** But you need an o.
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- o. has moved elsewhere  
o. looks particularly alluring
- oriental** is an O. city
- original** I have nothing o. in me  
it saves o. thinking  
none of the o. ideas is sound  
o. idea
- originality** What is o.
- originator** o. of a good sentence
- ornithology** O. used to be
- orphan** as an o.
- orthodoxy** O. is my doxy
- Oscar** O. night at my house  
We all assume that O. said it
- osteopath** doesn't have to go to an o.
- other** for o. people to go on  
happened to o. people  
it did lots of o. things too  
o. line always moves faster  
think o. people are reading  
truth about o. people
- others** I have o.  
in charge of o.
- ought** It is, but hadn't o. to be  
WHERE O. I TO BE
- our** o. son of a bitch
- ourselves** all in this together—by o.
- out** back goes o. more than I do  
include me o.  
say he is o. of touch
- outdoors** end up eating o.
- outdoorsy** So o.
- outpatients** o.' department
- outrageous** o. young fellow
- outside** banal from the o.
- oven** self-cleaning o.
- over** one damn thing o. and over  
opera ain't o.
- overalls** dressed in o. and looks
- overdeveloped** o. the women
- overdraft** bank manager for an o.  
remove my o.
- overlooked** looked over than o.
- overrated** Work's really o.
- overthrow** O. the Government  
O. the people
- overture** William Tell O.
- owe** we o. everybody
- own** bit of their o. back
- Oxford** it's either O. or Cambridge  
nice sort of place, O.  
O. that has made me  
secret in the O. sense  
sends his son to O.
- Oxford University Press** by the O.
- Oxonian** He is an O.
- oxygen** o. masks on airplanes
- oyster** can open an o.
- oysters** I will not eat o.  
Never serve o.
- Pacific** P. Ocean was a body of water
- Paddington** As London is to P.
- pagan** one excuse for being p.
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Wonderful on p. but disappointing	READING 7	p. a betting shop	MEN 30
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<b>paperwork</b> can't stand is the p.	PEOPLE 8	<b>passed</b> p. a lot of water since then	WRITING 13
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<b>parallel</b> p. bars	MIND 6	one of its p.	TRAVEL 4
<b>paranoid</b> p. survive	HEAVEN 3	<b>passes</b> Men seldom make p.	ART 38
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p. who could see his boy	SNOBBERY 5	<b>passport</b> look like your p. photo	AWARDS 3
<b>parents</b> especially step-p.	FAMILY 36	pretty face is a p.	TRAVEL 16
Jewish man with p. alive	CHILDREN 20	<b>past</b> I have a p.	BEAUTY 1
job all working-class p. want	CHILDREN 27	looking forward to the p.	MARRIAGE 17
loving their p.	PARENTS 13	Many a woman has a p.	PAST 18
p. did for me	MEMBERS 1	nothing but the p.	WOMEN 43
p. finally realize	CHILDREN 35	old man's getting a bit p. it	PAST 15
p. have done it for you	GENERATION GAP 10	prejudge the p.	OLD AGE 8
p. obey their children	FAMILY 2	to leave the p. to history	PAST 19
p. were English	MONEY 9	<b>pasta</b> just put out to p.	PAST 9
p. were very pleased	AMERICA 7	<b>pastoral</b> historical-p.	COOKERY 13
ruined by our p.	ENGLAND 21	<b>pat</b> P. is the last straw	ACTING 28
what their p. do not wish	ARMED FORCES 15	<b>patches</b> garments were always in p.	WIT 10
<b>Paris</b> built in P.	FAMILY 6	<b>pâté</b> know a duck because you like p.	DRESS 15
Cliché was a suburb of P.	CHILDREN 32	<i>p. de foie gras</i>	WRITERS 3
easily find their way to P.	FASHION 18	<b>paternity</b> P. is a matter of opinion	HEAVEN 5
No more Hoares to P.	WORDS 9	<b>patience</b> P., stamina and	PARENTS 1
People don't talk in P.	FRANCE 5	<b>patient</b> extraordinarily p.	PRIME MINISTERS 24
they go to P.	PUNS 3	<b>patients</b> Whenever p. come to I	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 23
<b>parish</b> six children on the p.	TOWNS 9	<b>patriotism</b> P. is the last refuge	MEDICINE 11
<b>park</b> come out to the ball p.	AMERICA 22	<b>pattable</b> she is p.	ART 27
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<b>parliament</b> enables P. to do	DRIVING 6	<b>Pauli</b> marvellous working for P.	SPORTS 23
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<b>parrot</b> This p. is no more	MEMBERS 5	<b>pay</b> Kindly adjust p.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 24
<b>Parsifal</b> as long as P.	HUMOUR 15	never p. till you	DEATH 41
<b>parsley</b> P. Is gharsley	DEATH 15	p. for his or her own	DEBT 5
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to p. Paul	GOVERNMENT 26	<b>perennials</b> P. are the ones	GARDENS 9
<b>paycheck</b> month that has no p.	FOOD 46	<b>perfect</b> everyone has p. teeth	APPEARANCE 17
<b>paying</b> p. the electricity bill	MEDICINE 2	None of us are p.	VIRTUE 22
<b>payments</b> missing a couple of car p.	HOPE 11	<b>perfection</b> P. of planned layout	BUREAUCRACY 13
<b>pea</b> once ate a p.	FOOD 17	<b>perform</b> p. in a role hundreds	THEATRE 27
picking up a p.	WRITERS 40	<b>performance</b> ELSIE FERGUSON'S P.	CRITICS 49
<b>peace</b> brought P. to Vietnam	DIPLOMACY 4	so many years outlive p.	SEX 63
deep p. of the double-bed	MARRIAGE 13	takes away the p.	DRINK 41
democracy and p.	COUNTRIES 30	<b>performing</b> thing wrong with p.	ACTING 21
essentially a man of p.	ARMED FORCES 26	<b>perfume</b> wear p. in the garden	FASHION 14
good war, or a bad p.	WAR 10	<b>permanent</b> feeling you have isn't p.	HOPE 4
like the p. of God	POETS 10	<b>Peron</b> Eva P. as either a saint	POLITICIANS 22
nation is only at p. when	WAR 18	<b>perpendicular</b> out of the p.	HANDWRITING 4
Now she's at p.	WIVES 6	p. expression	DANCE 11
<b>peanuts</b> What's happened to p.	FOOD 21	<b>perpetual</b> p. middle age	MIDDLE AGE 7
<b>pearls</b> having a string of p.	FAME 19	<b>Perrier</b> P. or Malvern water	CHOICE 2
P. at Random Strung	POETRY 8	<b>persecute</b> hound and p. the young	GENERATION GAP 2
P. before swine	COMEBACKS 9	<b>persistence</b> p. of public officials	BUREAUCRACY 10
<b>peasant</b> For Pheasant read P.	MISTAKES 29	<b>person</b> I am a most superior p.	POLITICIANS 2
<b>peccavi</b> P.—I have Sindh	PUNS 12	more than one p. in it	FAMILY 17
<b>pecked</b> just there to be p.	FILM PRODUCERS 6	one p. at a time	GOSSIP 3
<b>pecker</b> I want his p. in my pocket	POWER 3	p. you and I took me for	MARRIAGE 14
<b>peculiar</b> Funny-p.	HUMOUR 10	<b>personality</b> end of my p.	CHARACTER 5
<b>pedestal</b> Mommy on a p.	FAMILY 21	From 35 to 55, good p.	MIDDLE AGE 11
place my wife under a p.	DIVORCE 1	no more p. than a paper cup	TOWNS 8
<b>pedestrian</b> Red Sea p.	COUNTRIES 4	where p. is concerned	AMERICA 2
<b>peel</b> p. me a grape	FOOD 63	<b>personnel</b> plump blonde from P.	OFFICE LIFE 6
stuff you had to p.	SEX 35	<b>perspiration</b> percent p.	INTELLIGENCE 8
<b>peeping</b> P. Tom looked in my window	BODY 24	<b>perspire</b> Gladstone may p.	PRIME MINISTERS 14
<b>peerage</b> study the P.	ENGLAND 40	<b>perspiring</b> City of p. dreams	TOWNS 26
When I want a p.	POLITICS 36	<b>Peru</b> young man from P.	POETRY 2
<b>peers</b> do not create p.	HOUSE OF LORDS 3	<b>pessimist</b> p. waiting for rain	OPTIMISM 1
House of P.	HOUSE OF LORDS 4	what a p. is	OPTIMISM 8
<b>peke</b> supply of books, and a P.	LIFESTYLE 11	<b>pests</b> only little red p. I pursue	SPORTS 11
<b>pelican</b> fashionable surgeon, like a p.	MEDICINE 10	<b>pet</b> p. is a cow	ANIMALS 8
wondrous bird is the p.	ANIMALS 18	<b>petal</b> p. down the Grand Canyon	POETRY 13
<b>pellet</b> p. with the poison	WIT 34	<b>Peter Pan</b> wholly in P. ever since	ACTORS 32
<b>pen</b> every stroke of the p.	HANDWRITING 6	<b>Peugot</b> drove that P. for years	PARTIES 19
prevents his holding a p.	LETTERS 6	<b>phagocytes</b> stimulate the p.	MEDICINE 31
tool is mightier far than the p.	CRITICS 46	<b>phase</b> Puberty is a p.	LIFESTYLE 9
<b>penchant</b> p. for something	LITERATURE 26	<b>pheasant</b> For P. read Peasant	MISTAKES 29
<b>pencil</b> throw down his p.	ANGER 18	p., the pheasant	FOOD 59
What kind of p.	WIT 30	<b>phenomenon</b> p. of nature	FILM STARS 10
<b>pencils</b> bundle of no. 2 p.	OFFICE LIFE 1	<b>Philadelphia</b> I went to P.	TOWNS 13
<b>penis</b> like a p. which says	SEX 49	living in P.	EPITAPHS 11
non compos p.	CRITICS 29	<b>philosopher</b> one p. arguing	PHILOSOPHY 5
p. to be a most unreliable	SEX 18	to be a p.	PHILOSOPHY 4
<b>pennies</b> P. don't fall from heaven	MONEY 35	<b>philosophy</b> did p.	PHILOSOPHY 13
<b>pension</b> P. Pay given to a state	TRUST 4	faced with p.	MEN AND WOMEN 17
<b>pentagon</b> P., that immense	BUREAUCRACY 5	p. of the sandwich	FOOD 48
<b>pentameter</b> 'rhythm—Iambic P.	POETRY 1	What is your aim in p.	PHILOSOPHY 15
<b>people</b> betting on p.	BETTING 6	<b>phone</b> answer the p.	MISTAKES 30
bludgeoning of the p.	DEMOCRACY 15	can't beat the p. company	LIFE 9
Let my p. go	CRITICS 33	couldn't p. it in	ACTING 21
noise, my dear! And the p.	WAR 1	p., a horse or a broad	ACTORS 23
p. are only human	HUMAN RACE 1	p. is for you	YOUTH 3
p. is first what it eats	ENGLAND 13	P. for the fish-knives, Norman	SOCIETY 3
p. know what they want	DEMOCRACY 8	Stand on two p. books	AMERICA 4
p. standing in corners	TELEVISION 5	<b>phone bill</b> itemised p. ranks	TECHNOLOGY 10
p. who do things	SUCCESS 20		



- photo** look like your passport p.  
When I have my p. taken
- photograph** AIRMAIL P.  
p. is not quite true  
p. of the Grocer
- photographed** p. in a bathing suit
- photographer** p. is like the cod
- phrase** Park Avenue p. elopes  
p. becomes current
- physical** chiefly from p. conditions  
For p. pleasure
- physician** died last night of my p.  
p. can bury
- physicians** help of too many p.  
P. of the Utmost Fame
- pianist** job as a p. in a brothel  
Please do not shoot the p.
- piano** help with moving the p.  
Love is a p. dropped  
p. is a parlour utensil  
p. makes you a pianist  
p. when played by a sister  
push a grand p.  
teach the drummer to play p.
- pianoforte** p. is a harp in a box
- Picasso** P., sunbathing and jazz
- Piccadilly** Crossing P. Circus
- pick** On a plane...you can p. up
- picket** It's not cricket to p.
- pickle** open p. jars  
weaned on a p.
- pickpockets** Coffin Makers and P.
- picks** p. you up a little bit
- picnic** apples short of a p.  
War is never a p.
- picture** set off in this p.
- pictures** know which p. are yours  
P. are for entertainment  
p. that got small  
without p. or conversations
- pie** p.-eaters' liberation front
- piece** p. of cod
- pier** only seaside p. on which
- pig** p. got up and slowly walked  
p. in a silk suit  
put lipstick on a p.  
When not, a p.
- pigeon** crooning like a bilious p.
- pigeons** p., or Catholics
- piglet** Harry Houdini and a greased p.
- pigs** fond of p.
- Pilate** since Pontius P.
- piles** Awards are like p.
- pill** Protestant women may take the p.
- pillow** like the feather p.
- pills** with her birth control p.
- pimples** scratching of p.
- pineapple** p. of politeness
- pink** all this wonderful p.  
made out of p. marzipan  
P. is the navy blue  
p. was her favourite colour
- TRAVEL 16  
UNINTENDED 4  
TELEGRAMS 13  
SELF-KNOWLEDGE 10  
DIPLOMACY 13  
POLITICS 20  
ART 34  
WORDS 11  
LANGUAGE 11  
POETS 9  
SEX 72  
MEDICINE 28  
ARCHITECTURE 15  
MEDICINE 1  
MEDICINE 6  
NEWSPAPERS 16  
MUSICIANS 3  
MEN 33  
LOVE 11  
MUSIC 11  
PARENTS 10  
MUSIC 51  
BIRTH 6  
MUSIC 32  
DEFINITIONS 2  
SATISFACTION 6  
TRAVEL 29  
DATING 8  
POLITICS 45  
MEN AND WOMEN 20  
DESCRIPTION 1  
LITERATURE 19  
DRINK 20  
FOOLISHNESS 8  
WAR 4  
FILM 1  
FILM PRODUCERS 2  
CINEMA 7  
FILM STARS 3  
LITERATURE 5  
DIETS 6  
FOOD 36  
WIT 40  
DRUNKENNESS 3  
FILM PRODUCERS 7  
POLITICIANS 24  
CHILDREN 8  
LANGUAGES 19  
MARRIAGE 1  
PRIME MINISTERS 26  
ANIMALS 10  
JUDGES 8  
AWARDS 5  
RELIGION 62  
INSULTS 22  
MEDICINE 29  
BOOKS 30  
WIT 42  
COLOURS 1  
FACES 5  
COLOURS 7  
PEOPLE 6
- pint** p...why that's very nearly
- pints** had 40 p.
- pious** he was rather p.
- pipe** three-p. problem
- pirates** wonder at the cruelty of p.
- piss** pitcher of warm p.  
pour p. out of a boot  
wouldn't p. in his ear
- pissed** you p. in our soup
- issing** inside the tent p. out  
like p. down your leg
- pistol** p. misses fire  
reach for my p.
- pit** many-headed monster of the p.
- pitbull** hockey mom and a p.
- pitchfork** thrown on her with a p.
- pith** p. is in the postscript
- pitied** more to be p.
- Pitt** P. is to Addington
- Pittsburgh** guy I knew in P.
- pity** it was a p. to get up
- pix** Sticks nix hick p.
- pizza** stopped with the p. oven
- place** men just need a p.  
to keep in the same p.  
woman's p. is in the home
- placid** our waterbed Lake P.
- plagiarism** gets in the way of their p.  
steal from one author, it's p.  
Undetected p.
- plain** Most p. girls are virtuous  
need of the p.  
p. in dress  
P. women he regarded
- plan** I have a cunning p.
- plane** On a p...you can pick up
- planet** one look at this p.
- planets** other p. be any different
- plashy** through the p. fen
- plastics** He abhorred p.
- platform** Which p.
- platinum** gone past p.
- platitude** longitude with no p.  
stroke a p. until it purrs
- platitudes** sea of p.
- Plato** attachment à la P.  
footnotes to P.
- play** bad as the p. was  
House Beautiful is p. lousy  
I didn't like the p.  
not the way I p. it  
p. Bach your way  
p. is full of single entendre  
p. it  
p. was a great success  
p. wot I wrote  
read your p.  
(the professor) can p.  
this p. the way you wrote it  
Wimpole Street was the p.  
witty prologue to a very dull p.  
written a damned p.
- playboy** read P. magazine
- MEDICINE 14  
MEDICINE 7  
RELIGION 3  
CRIME 14  
NATURE 15  
PRESIDENTS 11  
INSULTS 26  
ENEMIES 1  
TRUST 1  
POWER 4  
SPEECHES 15  
ANGER 11  
INTELLIGENCE 10  
AUDIENCES 5  
POLITICIANS 27  
DRESS 21  
LETTERS 8  
LANGUAGES 25  
PRIME MINISTERS 13  
FILM STARS 11  
WEATHER 10  
HEADLINES 4  
TECHNOLOGY 4  
SEX 42  
PROGRESS 2  
WOMEN 3  
MARRIAGE 28  
MUSIC 15  
WRITING 18  
DEFINITIONS 3  
VIRTUE 1  
MANNERS 27  
WOMEN 31  
MEN AND WOMEN 17  
COMEDY ROUTINES 20  
DATING 8  
UNIVERSE 3  
UNIVERSE 8  
LANGUAGE 21  
SATISFACTION 6  
MISTAKES 32  
HAIR 7  
LANGUAGE 6  
NEWSPAPERS 26  
CONVERSATION 20  
ART 14  
PHILOSOPHY 14  
ACTORS 30  
CRITICS 32  
CRITICS 28  
BETTING 5  
MUSIC 26  
WORDS 12  
GOLF 5  
AUDIENCES 7  
COMEDY ROUTINES 33  
CRITICS 40  
ACADEMIC 12  
THEATRE 15  
CRITICS 31  
DATING 5  
THEATRE 26  
SPEECHES 10



woman reading P.	SEX 65	encourage among p. officers	READING 7
<b>played</b> especially when it's p.	MUSIC 16	helping the p.	TOWNS 31
p. the King	ACTORS 14	no p. like Holmes	CRIME 21
what the Band has just p.	MUSIC 18	recognised by the p.	MARRIAGE 71
<b>players</b> for 22 p.	FOOTBALL 1	wrath of the p.	MUSICIANS 2
<b>playing</b> find out who we were p.	CRICKET 5	<b>policeman</b> fat p. chasing a speeding	TAXES 9
I like your p. very much	PHILOSOPHY 6	p.'s lot	LAW 9
p. like Tarzan	GOLF 7	trashman and the p.	INSULTS 31
terribly hard at p.	EDUCATION 9	<b>policies</b> not p.. They come back to haunt you	POLITICS 31
<b>plays</b> best critic of my p.	CRITICS 47		FEMINISM 5
Shaw's p. are the price	THEATRE 2	<b>policy</b> Make p., not coffee	ENGLAND 28
<b>Playtex</b> P. had supported me	FEMINISM 13	<b>polite</b> time to be p.	WIT 42
<b>plaything</b> no book—it's a p.	QUOTATIONS 8	<b>politeness</b> pineapple of p.	UNINTENDED 13
not a p., you're a war toy	FEMINISM 8	<b>political</b> committed p. suicide	ECONOMICS 1
<b>pleasure</b> Agatha Christie has given more p.	PEOPLE 4	death of a p. economist	POLITICS 46
great p. in life is doing	HAPPINESS 2	points clearly to a p. career	POLITICS 33
if this is p.	HOLIDAYS 3	p. culture	POLITICS 22
It becomes a p.	MORALITY 20	schemes of p. improvement	
Money gives me p.	MONEY 5	<b>politician</b> p. is a man who understands	POLITICIANS 33
my p., business	BUSINESS 26		POLITICIANS 12
never attempt as a p.	CHARACTER 15	p. is an arse	POLITICIANS 23
no p. on earth	HAPPINESS 9	when a p. does get an idea	
of a perfect p.	HAPPINESS 16	<b>politicians</b> parliament are professional p.	POLITICIANS 26
<b>pleasures</b> paucity of human p.	SPORTS 23		MORALITY 7
<b>pleats</b> witty little p.	FASHION 5	receive it from their p.	CONVERSATION 2
<b>plonker</b> You p.	COMEDY ROUTINES 48	<b>politics</b> From p. it was an easy step	POLITICS 27
<b>plughole</b> about the size of the p.	POLITICS 52	If you want to succeed in p.	UNINTENDED 3
<b>plumber</b> getting a p. on weekends	GOD 2	Jesus Christ of p.	POLITICS 38
I can't get a p.	POWER 9	P. are, like God's infinite mercy	POLITICS 1
p. eventually comes	HAPPINESS 7	p. consists in ignoring facts	POLITICS 41
p.'s bound to be in there	WOMEN 26	P. is supposed to be the second	POLITICS 35
prefer the p. position	SEX 59	P. is the diversion of trivial men	POLITICS 39
<b>plumbers</b> seeing a psychiatrist, two p.	MENTAL HEALTH 3	p. solely as a result	POLITICS 49
	QUOTATIONS 10	take the p. out of politic	STATISTICS 5
<b>plums</b> p. and orange peel	HAIR 7	<b>polls</b> p. with a pinch	CATS 9
<b>plutonium</b> he must be p.	PRIME MINISTERS 4	<b>pollution</b> engine of p.	NATURE 2
<b>PM</b> But he ended P.	KISSING 1	P.: cirrhosis of the river	SNOBBERY 7
<b>pneumonia</b> enough germs to catch p.	MEN AND WOMEN 57	<b>polo</b> From Poland to p.	MARRIAGE 44
<b>pocket</b> Is that a gun in your p.	ECONOMICS 11	<b>polygamous</b> Man is p.	ACADEMIC 14
put it in your p.	AMBITION 6	<b>Polytechnic</b> in the P. they teach	ACTORS 19
so adventurous as an empty p.	MUSICIANS 18	<b>pony</b> wanted to play a Shetland p.	
<b>poems</b> I love him, especially his p.	POETS 4	<b>poodle</b> detained briefly in a p. parlour	PRIME MINISTERS 34
wanting to write p.	POETS 4		RELIGION 51
<b>poet</b> being a p.	POETS 15	<b>pool</b> Walk across my swimming p.	POVERTY 10
every fool is not a p.	WIT 29	<b>poor</b> As for the virtuous p.	POVERTY 2
get your words' worth from a p.	POETRY 11	expensive it is to be p.	SOCIETY 11
<b>poetry</b> I am in p.	POETRY 4	I live by robbing the p.	CRIME 11
I can repeat p.	POETRY 20	inconvenient to be p.	POVERTY 4
P. is sissy stuff that rhymes	POETRY 9	It's no disgrace t'be p.	POVERTY 1
<b>poets</b> mature p. steal	POETRY 6	It's the p. wot gets the blame	WEALTH 22
P. have been mysteriously silent	FILM STARS 7	I've been p.	WEALTH 10
<b>point</b> p. his suit	DIPLOMACY 8	p. man with money	DRIVING 5
<b>poised</b> Forever p. between	COMEBACKS 1	p. people have to get to	FILM PRODUCERS 18
<b>poison</b> put p. in your coffee	DRINK 7	steals from the p.	ENGLAND 21
was slow p.	SPORTS 25	too p. to be British	POWER 10
<b>poker</b> if you play p. badly	SNOBBERY 7	<b>pope</b> P.! How many divisions	MURDER 2
<b>Poland</b> From P. to polo	MUSIC 2	<b>poppa</b> You can't chop your p. up	SICKNESS 1
urge to conquer P.	TRAVEL 8	<b>popular</b> before it became p.	PRESIDENTS 8
<b>polar</b> P. exploration is at once		<b>porch</b> keep on the p.	HOLLYWOOD 15
<b>pole</b> four foot P. you wouldn't want	FILM PRODUCERS 14	<b>porcupine</b> like fucking a p.	MEN 16
	POLITICIANS 14	<b>porno</b> p. movies are beautiful love stories	THEATRE 5
<b>polecat</b> semi-house-trained p.	CRIME 24	<b>pornography</b> give p. a dirty name	HOLIDAYS 3
<b>police</b> accuse the p.		<b>porridge</b> sand in the p.	



- port** p. for men  
p. is on the chim-a-ney piece  
would be p. if it could
- porter** barrel of p.
- portrait** p., in frame  
two styles of p. painting
- position** In that p., my dear fellow  
prefer the plumber p.  
put a p. SELF-KNOWLEDGE 21
- positivists** logical p. LOVE 2
- possible** says that something is p. SCIENCE 9
- possums** Hello p. COMEDY ROUTINES 14
- post** Church of England and the P. Office  
TELEVISION 15  
LIE FOLLOWS BY P.  
APOLOGY 2
- postbag** my p. is full of it UNINTENDED 2
- posterity** decided to write for p.  
down to p. WRITING 1  
I speak for p. LAST WORDS 3  
Ode to P. SPEECHES 6  
P. is as likely POETRY 18  
write for p. PAST 7  
PAST 11
- postman** think I am, a bloody p. THEATRE 7
- postscript** her mind but in her p.  
pith is in the p. WOMEN 35  
LETTERS 8
- postures** lie down in clean p. CENSORSHIP 5
- pot** in the same p. DRINK 27
- potato** bashful young p. ART 14
- potent** how p. cheap music  
p. music can be MUSIC 13  
MUSIC 54
- pound** help me lose one p. DIETS 2
- poured** p. into his clothes APPEARANCE 27
- poverty** except p. and toothache  
I am wedded to P. LOVE 30  
Money is better than p. POVERTY 11  
P. is no disgrace MONEY 1  
setting him up in p. POVERTY 8  
state of extreme p. POVERTY 6  
wealth of p. POVERTY 7  
UNINTENDED 9
- powder** p. my nose WIT 1
- power** absolute p. corrupts absolutely GOD 8  
P. without responsibility NEWSPAPERS 20  
responsibility without p. HOUSE OF LORDS 9  
Wealth and p. are much more WEALTH 14
- powerful** Being p. is like being a lady DEFINITIONS 9  
P. women only succeed POWER 7
- pox** upon the gallows or of the p. COMEBACKS 15
- practical** failed his p. EXAMINATIONS 4  
most p. plan SUCCESS 13
- practice** had plenty of p. CONVERSATION 22
- practise** continue to p. the cello MUSICIANS 7  
I p. when I'm loaded MUSICIANS 17  
p. this without me ACTING 29
- praise** people p. and don't read READING 9  
p. is not due PRAISE 11  
took the p. CRITICS 26  
To refuse to accept p. PRAISE 8
- praised** p. their last publication WRITERS 9
- praises** singing someone's p. QUOTATIONS 1  
sound his own p. PRIME MINISTERS 28
- praising** doing one's p. for oneself PRAISE 2
- pram** p. in the hall ART 8
- prattle** pleasantly they p. CONVERSATION 19
- prawn** swallowed the last p.
- pray** p. for the country
- prayers** few p. in the hall
- praying** No p., it spoils business
- preach** inability to p. is so attractive
- preached** p. to death
- preaching** woman's p. is like a dog
- precedency** p. between a louse
- predict** only p. things
- predicted** p. yesterday didn't happen ECONOMICS 15
- predictions** P. can be difficult PAST 6
- prefaces** pay for Shaw's p. THEATRE 2
- pregnancy** avoid p. by RELIGION 39
- pregnant** didn't 'fall' p.  
If men could get p. BIRTH 5  
BIRTH 4
- prejudge** mustn't p. PAST 19
- prejudice** aid of p. and custom PREJUDICE 7  
confirm existing p. NEWSPAPERS 13  
popular p. BODY 8
- prejudices** it p. a man so CRITICS 36  
such of the proprietor's p. NEWSPAPERS 40
- premenstrual** complain about p. syndrome WOMEN 4
- premises** arguing from different p. ANGER 20
- preparing** p. his impromptu speeches SPEECHES 21
- presence** p. of mind in a railway TRANSPORT 17
- present** book as a birthday p. BOOKS 8  
know nothing but the p. PAST 15
- presents** forget to give me p. GIFTS 3  
If it were not for the p. WEDDINGS 1
- presidency** running for the p. PRESIDENTS 12  
US p. is a Tudor monarchy PRESIDENTS 4  
vice-p. isn't worth a pitcher PRESIDENTS 11  
wants the p. so much PRESIDENTS 2
- president** anybody could become P. AMERICA 6  
any boy may become P. AMERICA 18  
becoming P. PRESIDENTS 16  
I'm P. FOOD 18  
p. is like running a cemetery PRESIDENTS 7  
p. of the United States PRESIDENTS 23  
than any other P. PRESIDENTS 18
- press** Freedom of the p. CENSORSHIP 8  
in the British p. HYPOCRISY 1  
protect the people from the p. NEWSPAPERS 41  
you need a gutter p. NEWSPAPERS 19
- presumption** amused by its p. WINE 8
- pretender** James II, and the Old P. WRITERS 20
- pretentious** P.? Moi? COMEDY ROUTINES 37
- pretty** p. can get away MANNERS 27
- prevent** effort to p. oneself thinking LIFE 18
- previous** no P. Chapters BOOKS 11
- price** I won't put a p. on him MEN AND WOMEN 22  
p. of everything CHARACTER 20  
P. is what you pay BUSINESS 6
- prices** High p. profit MONEY 8
- priest** great being a p. CLERGY 10
- priestly** like a p. hustler FUNERALS 8
- primates** African P. Meeting WIT 52
- Prime Minister** HOW DARE YOU BECOME P.  
PRIME MINISTERS 9  
next P. but three PRIME MINISTERS 7  
P. has nothing to hide PRIME MINISTERS 21  
P. needs a Willie PRIME MINISTERS 35  
Unknown P. PRIME MINISTERS 2



<b>Prime Ministers</b> P. are wedded wild flowers, and P.	GOVERNMENT 24	<b>promises</b> man who p. least	POLITICS 4
<b>primitive</b> call it 'p. society'	PRIME MINISTERS 5	<b>promising</b> they first call p.	SUCCESS 6
<b>primordial</b> p. atomic globule	PREJUDICE 6	<b>pronounce</b> better than they p.	LANGUAGES 21
p. chaos	ARISTOCRACY 3	<b>proof</b> wine; a constant p. that God	WINE 5
<b>princes</b> more p. than dentists	BODY 28	<b>proper</b> I'll be p. and prim	NAMES 14
<b>principle</b> hain't the money, but th' p.	DATING 9	<b>property</b> Thieves respect p.	CRIME 8
little of the p. left	MONEY 24	<b>prophet</b> Atheism is a non-p. organization	RELIGION 18
p. of the English law	CIVIL SERVANTS 5	<b>proposal</b> p. which my secretary faxed	ROMANCE 3
<b>principles</b> either morals or p.	LAW 4	<b>propose</b> p. nothing	POLITICS 16
masquerading as a contest of p.	INSULTS 21	<b>proposed</b> President p.	DATING 3
Those are my p.	POLITICS 6	<b>proprietor</b> death of a p.	HYPOCRISY 1
<b>print</b> magic of p.	MORALITY 8	<b>pro-sciutto</b> p. and anti-pasto	WIT 23
Never read p.	CENSORSHIP 13	<b>prose</b> All that is not p. is verse	POETRY 15
written in such small p.	CRICKET 8	Meredith's a p. Browning	POETS 17
<b>printers</b> publishers and p.	READING 3	murderer for a fancy p. style	MURDER 8
thought they were the p.	CENSORSHIP 7	only write p. today	POETS 18
<b>prison</b> all writers should be in p.	FAME 8	p. of incomparable grandeur	WRITERS 26
at home in p.	WRITERS 33	<b>prospects</b> affording delightful p.	HOLIDAYS 5
in charge of p. funding	EDUCATION 21	<b>prosper</b> affairs p.	PAST 5
<b>prisoner</b> violence on a p.	CRIME 1	<b>prostitute</b> doormat or a p.	FEMINISM 15
<b>privacy</b> share your p.	CRIME 24	mistaken for a p.	COMEBACKS 8
<b>private</b> at a p. view	MANNERS 25	p. all their powers	LITERATURE 9
sphere of p. life	DRESS 2	<b>prostitution</b> field of p.	HOLLYWOOD 7
whole field to p. industry	RELIGION 37	<b>protect</b> p. the Government of the day	SECRECY 6
<b>privilege</b> p. and pleasure	WAR 12	p. the people from the press	NEWSPAPERS 41
<b>prize</b> as a Pulitzer P.	GOVERNMENT 7	p. the writer	BUREAUCRACY 1
<b>prize-fighters</b> p. shaking hands	NEWSPAPERS 12	<b>protest</b> lady doth p. too much	WOMEN 33
<b>probabilities</b> based on p.	KISSING 6	p. against golf	CRICKET 6
<b>problem</b> p. is food	HANDWRITING 5	<b>Protestant</b> I am the P. whore	RELIGION 29
p. to be overcome	MONEY 11	like a P. curate	DANCE 8
research staff to study the p.	MEN 18	P., if he wants aid	RELIGION 22
three-pipe p.	MONEY 36	P. with a horse	IRELAND 1
<b>problems</b> Alcohol doesn't solve any p.	CRIME 14	<b>Protestantism</b> contribution of P.	GOD 33
people with p.	DRINK 2	<b>proud</b> always p. of the fact	HAPPINESS 10
solution to...all of life's p.	MEMBERS 3	p. of our national modesty	BRITISH 5
<b>proceeds</b> on the p.	DRINK 22	<b>prove</b> chance to p. that money	MONEY 27
<b>proclamations</b> p. about themselves	HYPOCRISY 10	p. that you don't need it	MONEY 23
		to p. it I'm here	COMEDY ROUTINES 26
<b>prodigal</b> p.'s return	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 9	<b>proverbs</b> Solomon wrote the P.	HYPOCRISY 9
<b>producer</b> associate with a p.	RELIGION 55	<b>proves</b> p. that he is one himself	PHILOSOPHY 5
<b>producers</b> film p.	FILM PRODUCERS 19	<b>providence</b> workings of P.	JUDGES 14
<b>product</b> fitting the p.	CINEMA 11	<b>provocations</b> intolerable p.	GOLF 4
<b>profanity</b> speak English and p.	BUSINESS 13	<b>prudence</b> effect of p. on rascality	VIRTUE 16
<b>profession</b> isn't a p.	LANGUAGES 10	<b>psalms</b> David wrote the P.	HYPOCRISY 9
second oldest p.	FAME 4	<b>psychiatrist</b> goes to a p.	MENTAL HEALTH 4
successful in your p.	POLITICS 41	p. is a man who goes	MENTAL HEALTH 11
<b>professional</b> p. courtesy	CRIME 12	p.'s couch	MENTAL HEALTH 9
p. is a man who can	INSULTS 32	P.: a man who asks you	MEDICINE 4
P. men, they have no	WORK 2	seeing a p., two plumbers	MENTAL HEALTH 3
<b>professor</b> P. of Logic	LAWYERS 6	<b>psychiatry</b> P. is a waste	MENTAL HEALTH 8
<b>professors</b> Old p. never die	PHILOSOPHY 2	<b>psychoanalysis</b> his or her own p.	PARENTS 5
<b>profitable</b> p. to its possessor	ACADEMIC 5	<b>puberty</b> P. is a phase	LIFESTYLE 9
<b>programming</b> P. today is a race	VIRTUE 14	<b>pubic</b> p. hair factory	DESCRIPTION 13
<b>progress</b> illusion of p.	COMPUTERS 5	<b>public</b> as if I was a p. meeting	ROYALTY 35
P. might have been all right	MANAGEMENT 2	describe holding p. office	WORK 1
<b>prohibition</b> Communism is like p.	PROGRESS 7	English p. school	EDUCATION 21
P. makes you want	POLITICS 44	give the p. something	FUNERALS 10
<b>prologue</b> witty p. to a very dull	DRINK 33	in a p. place	MANNERS 25
<b>promiscuous</b> What's a p. person	DATING 5	It's not a p. conveyance	MARRIAGE 53
<b>promise</b> don't fulfil the p.	SEX 52	one to mislead the p.	STATISTICS 1
p. of a man	CHILDREN 27	p. be damned	BUSINESS 24
<b>promised</b> politicians have p. the moon	CHILDREN 11	reads his work in p.	POETS 6
	AMBITION 7	uncritical buying p.	ADVERTISING 4



**publication** praised their last p.

**publicity** fifty per cent of the p.  
now called p.

winds up with the bitch P.

**publicly** not insult his wife p.

**public relations** hire p. officers

**published** before this book is p.

**publisher** agent to a p.

murdering his p.

p. has to do is write cheques

p. who writes is like a cow

**publishers** Easier to change p.

p. and printers

p. are untrustworthy

turned down by numerous p.

**pubs** all the p. in Dublin

**Pulitzer** as a P. Prize

**pull** had to p. him out

**pulls** p. a lady through

**pulse** feeling a woman's p.

**punch** start a p.-up

**punch-line** meditation with a p.

**punctual** trouble with being p.

would always be p.

**punctuation** p. where he pleases

**punishing** p. anyone who comes

**punishment** My fees are sufficient p.

Teenagers are God's p.

**punster** inveterate p.

**pupped** come down and p.

**pure** has not a p. heart

p. as the driven slush

truth is rarely p.

**purgatory** department of P.

**purge** p., and leave sack

**puritanism** not P. but February

P. The haunting fear

**purity** spoil the p. of my hatred

**purple** walk by the colour p.

**purpose** If people want a sense of p.

**purrs** stroke a platitude until it p.

**pursuit** man in p. of happiness

**push** didn't p. him in

**pushed** bloody well p.

Did he fall or was he p.

**pushing** P. forty? She's clinging

**put** up with which I will not p.

**putts** missed short p.

when he p.

**pyjamas** cardigan over his p.

p. look nice on him

**pyramid** Insurance is like a p.

**quad** no one about in the Q.

**qualities** such q. as would wear

**quantum** q. solar energy

**quarrels** Books and harlots have their q.

in q. interpose

**quarries** q. to be used at will

**quarterly** nothing a-year, paid q.

**queen** being a drag q.

die so he can be Q.

God save the Q.

have the Q. as their aunt

WRITERS 9

HOLLYWOOD 2

FAME 21

FAME 12

HUSBANDS 30

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BIOGRAPHY 5

PUBLISHING 10

PUBLISHING 2

PUBLISHING 14

PUBLISHING 11

PUBLISHING 8

CENSORSHIP 7

PUBLISHING 13

WRITING 1

DEATH 22

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PEOPLE 10

HOPE 5

WOMEN 37

CRITICS 24

FISHING 2

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FILM STARS 17

APOLOGY 5

MARRIAGE 68

LAWYERS 1

FAMILY LIFE 1

PUNS 5

ARCHITECTURE 13

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TRUTH 9

OLD AGE 7

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RELIGION 38

POLITICIANS 32

COLOURS 8

MORALITY 7

NEWSPAPERS 26

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MEN AND WOMEN 22

MONEY 22

GOD 30

WIVES 9

PARTIES 2

BOOKS 2

ANGER 10

QUOTATIONS 6

POVERTY 9

FASHION 8

ROYALTY 32

ROYALTY 36

ROYALTY 25

home life of our own dear Q.

Q. is most anxious

Q. Mary looking like

Q. Mother of football

Q. to skip Chuck nups

sleeping with a q.

trying for the Q.

your Q. has to pay taxes

**queer** To our q. old dean

very q. things in it

What a q. thing Life is

**queerer** q. than we *can* suppose

**queers** hate for q.

**query** always q. them

**question** any clear q.

any q. from the bench

Irish secretly changed the Q.

number of the q.

put the q. in wrong

rephrase the q.

Schleswig-Holstein q.

**questions** all q. were stupid

ask q. of those

even one of the q.

lot of expensive q.

**queue** q. of one

**quick** q., and the dead

**quicker** liquor Is q.

**quicksand** worship the q. he walks

**quiet** four children q. for an hour

immense q.

They just want q.

very well and q.

**quill** q. back in my goose

**quit** try again. Then q.

**quotable** hard to be clever and q.

q. than honest

**quotation** happy q. anywhere

q. for everything

**quotations** furnishes no q.

I know heaps of q.

**quote** Q. Learned

**quoted** should be drawn and q.

**quoter** first q. of it

**quotes** never q. accurately

putting religious q. on cups

**rabbits** r. in Windsor Park

**race** r. between education

r. is not always

trouble with the rat r.

**racing** obstacle r.

**racist** Alcoholic and a r.

**racket** ruins the whole r.

**radical** dared be r. when young

**radio** I had the r. on

just gave me a shower r.

r. lark's a wonderful hobby

**rage** I fall in a r.

**raids** during the air r.

**railings** Iron r.

**railway** takes this r. by surprise

**railways** R. and the Church

**rain** back when it begins to r.

ROYALTY 5

FEMINISM 14

ROYALTY 8

FOOTBALL 22

HEADLINES 3

ROYALTY 37

CINEMA 9

ROYALTY 21

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EPITAPHS 9

DEBT 5

MANNERS 6

JUDGES 10

IRELAND 7

EXAMINATIONS 3

COMPUTERS 3

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CHILDREN 6

WRITING 2

FAILURE 5

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QUOTATIONS 12

QUOTATIONS 5

QUOTATIONS 11

QUOTATIONS 8

QUOTATIONS 2

JUDGES 9

PUNS 1

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QUOTATIONS 9

MODERN LIFE 8

BIRTH 8

HISTORY 21

BETTING 10

MODERN LIFE 12

HOME 23

ACTORS 3

MEN AND WOMEN 36

POLITICAL PARTIES 5

FILM STARS 12

MODERN LIFE 10

TECHNOLOGY 7

ANGER 17

MISTAKES 5

HANDWRITING 4

TRANSPORT 8

TRANSPORT 1

MONEY 16



- left out in the r.  
 r., it raineth on the just  
 r. is destroying his grain  
 waiting for it to r.  
 walk three miles in the r.
- rainbows** man who, chasing r.  
**raised** Left eyebrow r.  
**rape** see lust and r. and incest  
**rapidly** Yes, but not so r.  
**rapist** r. bothers to buy a bottle  
**rascality** effect of prudence on r.  
**rat** r. swimming *towards* a sinking  
 trouble with the r. race  
**rather** r. be doing something else  
**ratio** increase in inverse r.  
**rational** only r. position  
**ratting** Goin' r.  
**rattling** r. of a stick  
**ravished** would have r. her  
**razor** sliding down the r.-blade  
**reactor** returning to a r. station  
**read** another room and r.  
 do you r. books *through*  
 don't actually r. newspapers  
 he has r. too widely  
 hire someone to r. for me  
 I'd not r. Eliot  
 I r. part of it  
 I've never bothered to r. another  
 never r. a book  
 people praise and don't r.  
 people who can't r.  
 r. the book  
 r. the life  
 r. your play  
 When I want to r. a novel  
 world doesn't r. its books
- reader** R.'s Digest lost  
 Tconstant R.  
**readers** full of fourth-rate r.  
 give their r. sleep  
 r. in particular  
**reading** breeding than they are of r.  
 careful of his r.  
 I prefer r.  
 no time in r.  
 r. on the beach  
 R. isn't an occupation  
 Some day I intend r. it  
 soul of r.  
 think other people are r.  
 What exactly is she r.
- ready** not be r. for marriage  
**Reagan** mind of Ronald R.  
 R. for his best friend  
 R. was running for
- reality** border on stark r.  
 R. is a crutch  
 R. is something  
 Thank God for r. shows
- reaping** No, r.  
**rears** R. and Vices  
**rear-view** constituency in the r. mirror
- FACES 4  
 VIRTUE 4  
 NATURE 13  
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 MEN AND WOMEN 63  
 MISTAKES 36  
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 ADVERTISING 8  
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 READING 4  
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 CRITICS 36  
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 NEWSPAPERS 47  
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 BIOGRAPHY 4  
 CRITICS 40  
 LITERATURE 7  
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 BOOKS 25  
 CRITICS 30  
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 POETS 14  
 LIBRARIES 7  
 WEALTH 14  
 CERTAINTY 10  
 READING 8  
 WIT 14  
 HOLIDAYS 11  
 READING 7  
 LITERATURE 17  
 BOOKS 22  
 WRITERS 29  
 INSULTS 17  
 MEN AND WOMEN 52  
 PRESIDENTS 19  
 FILM STARS 15  
 PRESIDENTS 12  
 LIES 5  
 DRUGS 7  
 HUMAN RACE 13  
 TELEVISION 4  
 CRIME 6  
 ARMED FORCES 2  
 MEMBERS 2
- reason** find out the r.  
 I'll not listen to r.  
 r. to have sex  
**reasons** There are two r.  
**rebellion** r. was to have my tie loose  
**rebut** r. the refutation  
**receipt** Applause is a r.  
**recession** r. when your neighbour  
**Recessional** put his 'R.'  
**recipes** read r. the same way  
**recluse** 'r.' is a codeword  
**recognition** our polite r.  
**recognize** didn't r. you  
 r. me with my clothes on  
**recognized** avoid being r.  
**record** beating my previous r.  
**recover** r. the use of his legs  
**recreation** ideal r. for dedicated nuns  
**rectal** r. thermometers are still  
**red** only little r. pests I pursue  
 part the R. Sea  
 R. Sea pedestrian  
**reddish** Cheapish, r.  
**redecorating** my temple needs r.  
**reeled** until r. the mind  
**referees** trouble with r.  
**reference** take a r. from a clergyman  
**refinement** r. scrapes at vainly  
**reform** R.! Aren't things bad enough  
**reformation** Free-gift, R.  
**reformers** R. are always  
**refreshes** Heineken r. the parts  
**refrigerator** demented r.  
 note that it's in the r.  
**refuge** last r. of the sculptor  
 r. from home life  
**refund** satisfying as an income tax r.  
**refunded** no money r.  
**refuse** offer he can't r.  
 To r. to accept praise  
**refutation** rebut the r.  
**regret** living to r. it  
 r. in the theatre  
**regrets** American girls do have r.  
**reheat** r. his sins for breakfast  
**reincarnation** believe in r.  
 that r. won't cure  
**reinvented** r. unsliced bread  
**rejection** Fifteen years of r.  
**relation** nobody like a r.  
**relations** apology for r.  
 even one's own r.  
**relationship** have a working r.  
**relative** in a r. way  
**released** film wasn't r.—it escaped  
**reliance** firm r.  
**relied** absolutely r. upon  
**religion** all of the same r.  
 don't know into what r.  
 fishing is a r.  
 fox-hunting—the wisest r.  
 Millionaire. That is my r.  
 no reason to bring r. in to it
- CERTAINTY 16  
 ANGER 9  
 SEX 42  
 GOVERNMENT 19  
 DRESS 8  
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 MUSIC 42  
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 CRITICS 6  
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 COUNTRIES 4  
 WINE 7  
 APPEARANCE 20  
 LANGUAGE 7  
 SPORTS 12  
 TRUST 7  
 SNOBBERY 3  
 JUDGES 1  
 NAMES 3  
 AUTOBIOGRAPHY 1  
 DRINK 31  
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 MARRIAGE 48  
 ART 27  
 HOLIDAYS 10  
 TAXES 12  
 ROYALTY 24  
 POWER 8  
 PRAISE 8  
 SELF-KNOWLEDGE 21  
 UNINTENDED 13  
 ACTORS 2  
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 RELATIONSHIPS 4  
 DEATH 13  
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 FAMILY 29  
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 FAMILY LIFE 14  
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r. is allowed to invade state r.	RELIGION 37
test of a good r.	FOOD 13
vice and r.	RELIGION 20
<b>religious</b> any r. belief	ENGLAND 37
manners can replace r. beliefs	CLERGY 14
putting r. quotes on cups	RELIGION 45
r. system that produced	MODERN LIFE 8
<b>remaindered</b> my enemy has been r.	RELIGION 54
<b>remarkable</b> very r. man	WRITERS 23
<b>remember</b> Ah yes! I r. it well	SUCCESS 13
no-one can r.	MEMORY 2
not difficult to r.	COMEDY 8
r. more than I have seen	SNOBBERY 10
r. your name	TRAVEL 12
what you can r.	NAMES 19
<b>remembers</b> never r. birthdays	HISTORY 13
<b>reminiscences</b> some of your grosser r.	MARRIAGE 54
<b>remorse</b> R. Those dry Martinis	LETTERS 14
<b>remove</b> not malignant and r. it	DRUNKENNESS 1
<b>renaissance</b> R. was just something	MEDICINE 33
<b>Reno</b> King's Moll R.'d	PROGRESS 3
<b>rent</b> last out my month's r.	ROYALTY 2
paid a month's r.	DEATH 48
r. out my room	WAR 15
<b>reorganizing</b> situation by r.	FAMILY 2
<b>repainting</b> eats or needs r.	MANAGEMENT 2
<b>repair</b> incredibly expensive to r.	BUSINESS 20
<b>repartee</b> best r.	MUSIC 37
fear r. in a wife	DEMOCRACY 3
r. of the illiterate	WIVES 16
<b>repeat</b> sure I can r. them	ANGER 4
won't be called on to r. it	MISTAKES 11
<b>repeats</b> History r. itself	SPEECHES 7
<b>repent</b> r. at leisure	HISTORY 5
<b>repented</b> she strove, and much r.	MARRIAGE 23
<b>reporters</b> doesn't like to talk to r.	VIRTUE 6
<b>reports</b> R. of my death	NEWSPAPERS 32
<b>repose</b> r. is taboo'd by anxiety	DEATH 56
<b>representative</b> being your r.	LANGUAGE 8
<b>reproduction</b> pretty good r.	RELIGION 5
<b>reproductive</b> modern r. processes	BODY 5
<b>reptile</b> r. all the rest	BODY 31
<b>reptilian</b> evil r. kitten-eater	INSULTS 41
<b>republic</b> aristocracy in a r.	POLITICIANS 3
<b>republican</b> God is a R.	ARISTOCRACY 8
<b>Republicans</b> make a bargain with the R.	POLITICAL PARTIES 12
	POLITICIANS 13
<b>repulsive</b> Right but R.	HISTORY 14
<b>reputation</b> lost her r.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 25
wrecks a woman's r.	JEWELLERY 2
<b>reputations</b> murdered r.	GOSSIP 2
true fuller's earth for r.	MONEY 18
<b>rescuers</b> firing on the r.	ACTORS 35
<b>research</b> Basic r. is like shooting	SCIENCE 1
Basic r. is what I am doing	SCIENCE 7
name of r.	ACADEMIC 8
r. in bars	NEWSPAPERS 31
salaries of a large r. staff	MONEY 36
steal from many, it's r.	WRITING 18
<b>resemblance</b> r. to ourselves	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 2
<b>resentful</b> r. coma	ACADEMIC 8

<b>resist</b> r. everything except temptation	VIRTUE 23
<b>resort</b> infinite mercy, a last r.	POLITICS 38
<b>respect</b> loved by a man I r.	MEN AND WOMEN 35
R.!	COMEDY ROUTINES 34
r. for women	MEN AND WOMEN 40
Thieves r. property	CRIME 8
without losing one's r.	FASHION 17
<b>respectable</b> make astrology look r.	ECONOMICS 16
r. live beyond	SOCIETY 10
<b>respiration</b> said it was artificial r.	SEX 25
<b>responsibility</b> no sense of r.	CHILDREN 18
Power without r.	NEWSPAPERS 20
r. without power	HOUSE OF LORDS 9
<b>rest</b> Australia is a huge r. home	AUSTRALIA 1
more r. if one doesn't sleep	SLEEP 8
no such thing as absolute r.	SCIENCE 13
r. I wasted	WEALTH 3
<b>restaurant</b> R. critics—even great	RESTAURANTS 9
<b>restaurants</b> four r. it's the Mafia	CRIME 26
<b>restoration</b> Church's R.	ARCHITECTURE 4
<b>restraint</b> too much r.	BORES 10
<b>result</b> conditions, you get the r.	SUCCESS 32
<b>retaliation</b> Get your r. in first	SPORTS 20
<b>retire</b> sign for him to r.	AGE 6
<b>retired</b> British Outer Mongolia for r.	HOUSE OF LORDS 2
	ARMED FORCES 17
<b>retreat</b> composed for the r.	WAR 23
R., hell	APPEARANCE 16
<b>retreating</b> seen yourself r.	CHILDREN 25
<b>retrieve</b> taught to r.	HEAVEN 1
<b>return</b> r. seven years later	CHILDREN 19
<b>revelation</b> moments of r.	BIBLE 6
<b>revelations</b> ends with R.	ANIMALS 12
<b>revenge</b> fish are having their r.	PRESIDENTS 1
Gerald Ford as his r.	CRITICS 1
<b>review</b> bad r. may spoil	COMEBACKS 11
I have your r. before me	CRITICS 11
<b>reviewers</b> bribed sots, called r.	CRITICS 36
<b>reviewing</b> before r. it	VIRTUE 3
<b>revised</b> sinner r. and edited	MUSIC 39
<b>reviving</b> dreamed of r. the castrati	HISTORY 22
<b>rewrite</b> is to r. it	TOWNS 28
<b>Reykjavik</b> R. of the South	SPEECHES 9
<b>rhetorician</b> sophisticated r.	PHILOSOPHY 11
<b>rhinoceros</b> not a r. in the room	UNIVERSE 2
<b>rhombus</b> Earth was not a r.	MONEY 5
<b>rhyme</b> I'm still more tired of R.	POETRY 20
<b>rhymes</b> sissy stuff that r.	POETRY 5
<b>rhyming</b> r. is nat worth a toord	WRITING 4
<b>ribbon</b> changing a typewriter r.	WEALTH 2
<b>rich</b> I'm so r. I don't need to	POVERTY 1
It's the r. wot gets the gravy	MONEY 33
make me very r.	WEALTH 20
not behave as the r. behave	WEALTH 8
R. aren't like us	WRITING 16
r. from writing	WEALTH 22
r. is better	AMERICA 20
r. woman has an affair	WORK 11
r. would have kept more of it	WINE 9
table of a r. host	POLITICS 9
talking to a r. person	DEATH 35
tax r. people	MONEY 32
to do to get r.	



wretchedness of being r.	WEALTH 19	R. Journalism	NEWSPAPERS 47
<b>riches</b> that of the titled for r.	SNOBBERY 16	<b>rocking-horse</b> in love with my r.	MIND 5
<b>ricicles</b> r. are twicicles	WIT 36	mad r.	FILM STARS 5
<b>rickshaw</b> except a motorised r.	LAW 14	<b>rock 'n' roll</b> start out playing r.	DRUGS 4
<b>rid</b> before getting r. of it	BUREAUCRACY 6	<b>rodeoing</b> R. is about the only sport	SPORTS 27
<b>rides</b> Don't accept r. from strange men	ADVICE 11	<b>rogue</b> this r. and whore together	WEDDINGS 2
<b>ridiculous</b> no spectacle so r.	MORALITY 6	<b>rogues</b> couple of r.	ART 13
see people looking r.	LOVE 5	<b>roll</b> Assistant heads must r.	MANAGEMENT 1
Sublime To the R.	TRANSPORT 10	<b>rollers</b> glanced at her Carmen r.	NAMES 8
<b>riff-raff</b> keeps the r. out of Waitrose	SNOBBERY 13	<b>Roman</b> concept of R. numerals	INTELLIGENCE 14
<b>Riga</b> young lady of R.	ANIMALS 3	no R. ever was able to say	SOCIETY 2
<b>right</b> almost always in the r.	POLITICS 48	R. Conquest	BRITISH 7
be decorative and to do r.	WOMEN 12	<b>Roman Catholic</b> is a R.	FRIENDS 5
decide I was r.	FOOTBALL 3	<b>romance</b> lifelong r.	LOVE 31
doctor being always in the r.	MEDICINE 30	r. with no kisses	DATING 7
give my r. arm	ART 4	r. with no kisses	KISSING 2
half of the people are r.	DEMOCRACY 14	Twenty years of r.	WIVES 14
In boxing the r. cross-counter	BOXING 7	<b>romantic</b> For something r.	LITERATURE 26
it's all r. with me	MIND 3	<b>Rome</b> all the sights in R. were called	TRAVEL 23
know it about the r. person	POWER 5	<b>room</b> All I need is r.	HOME 15
men go r. after them	MEN AND WOMEN 58	always r. at the top	AMBITION 11
not determine who is r.	WAR 2	find my way across the r.	PREJUDICE 7
nothing against your r. leg	ACTING 5	lighten a r.	PRIME MINISTERS 1
people who are r.	MEMBERS 3	not a rhinoceros in the r.	PHILOSOPHY 11
proven r. or pleasantly surprised	OPTIMISM 9	Twenty-four hour r. service generally	HOLIDAYS 7
R. but Repulsive	HISTORY 14	<b>rooms</b> sleep in separate r.	MARRIAGE 27
r. notes at the right time	MUSIC 6	<b>Roosevelt</b> Once we had a R.	AMERICA 9
should be on my r.	POLITICAL PARTIES 8	<b>Roosian</b> might have been a R.	COUNTRIES 16
Whenever you're r., shut up	HUSBANDS 24	<b>rope</b> spare a r.	AMERICA 9
Where did we go r.	SUCCESS 4	<b>rose</b> r. named after me	PRAISE 1
<b>righteous</b> good enough for the r.	RELIGION 40	r.-red city	PUNS 6
<b>rights</b> folly of 'Woman's r.'	FEMINISM 14	r.-red sissy	DESCRIPTION 16
<b>Rimbauds</b> always chasing R.	LITERATURE 21	One perfect r.	TRANSPORT 16
<b>ring</b> Every engagement r. should have	JEWELLERY 1	<b>roses</b> my r. to see you	DATING 12
<b>rings</b> read the r.	MARRIAGE 51	Wars of the R.	FILM PRODUCERS 1
<b>rioting</b> r. and learning	ACADEMIC 3	<b>rot</b> it must be all r.	RELIGION 42
<b>rip</b> R.-Van-With-It	NAMES 7	living talked r.	PARANORMAL 2
<b>ripen</b> but nice to r.	AGE 2	<b>Rothschild</b> taken by R. and Baring	MONEY 19
<b>risen</b> Frost has r. without trace	SUCCESS 21	<b>rotted</b> Or simply r. early	MIDDLE AGE 8
<b>rising</b> from r. hope	PEOPLE 12	<b>rotter</b> going to bed with a r.	ROMANCE 2
<b>risk</b> at great personal r.	MEN AND WOMEN 45	<b>rouge</b> too much r.	DRESS 22
<b>risks</b> one of the r.	AMERICA 18	<b>rough</b> R. diamonds are a girl's best	FRIENDS 6
<b>risotto</b> screaming r. recipes	OPERA 6	<b>round</b> R. up the usual suspects	CRIME 16
<b>Ritz</b> life for ourselves at the R.	UNINTENDED 1	<b>routine</b> r. hard to distinguish	WRITING 17
like the R. Hotel	LAW 17	<b>royal</b> become a r. reporter	NEWSPAPERS 16
<b>road</b> and not the r.	EPITAPHS 19	when anyone left the R. family	ROYALTY 39
r. that leads him to England	SCOTLAND 6	<b>royalties</b> deprivation of literary r.	WRITERS 32
r. to success is always under	SUCCESS 2	<b>royalty</b> due a r. statement	PUBLISHING 7
<b>roads</b> cosy little A-r. in England	FRANCE 5	when you come to R.	ROYALTY 13
<b>roam</b> sent to r.	FOOLISHNESS 3	<b>rub</b> if you r. up against money	MONEY 30
<b>roar</b> I storm and I r.	ANGER 17	<b>rubbish</b> R.	COMEDY ROUTINES 43
r. their ribs out	HUMOUR 9	someone who puts out the r.	HUSBANDS 20
<b>roareth</b> What is this that r. thus	TRANSPORT 9	<b>Rubens</b> If I were alive in R.'s time	ART 11
<b>roast</b> r. beef and rain	ENGLAND 13	<b>rugby</b> we play r.	SPORTS 22
R. Beef, Medium	FOOD 23	<b>rugger</b> nuns in a r. scrum	ARCHITECTURE 10
<b>rob</b> r. a lady of her fortune	MARRIAGE 32	<b>ruin</b> about to r. your day	LIFE 10
<b>robbed</b> I'd expect to be r. in Chicago	SNOBBERY 14	increasingly to resemble a r.	HUSBANDS 14
<b>robbing</b> r. a bank	CRIME 7	make a woman look like a r.	WIVES 14
<b>robin</b> little r.	NATURE 22	<b>ruined</b> r. by literature	LITERATURE 3
<b>Robin Hood</b> modern-day R.	FILM PRODUCERS 18	r. by our parents	FAMILY 6
<b>robot</b> camp gammon r.	PRIME MINISTERS 32	<b>Ruislip</b> Gaily into R. Gardens	SNOBBERY 5
<b>robs</b> r. Peter	GOVERNMENT 26	<b>rule</b> r. all afternoon	WINE 3
<b>rock</b> dealing in r.'n'roll	HUMAN RACE 10	infallible r.	CLASS 21



**rule** (cont.)

never forget r. No r.	BUSINESS 7
unfit to r.	DEMOCRACY 9
<b>rulers</b> all may be R.	ARMED FORCES 9
r., mostly knaves	HISTORY 4
<b>rules</b> make the r.	MONEY 4
three basic r.	COMEDY 8
<b>rum</b> r., sodomy, and the lash	ARMED FORCES 4
<b>Rumania</b> this might be R.	ROYALTY 26
<b>rumours</b> hate to spread r.	GOSSIP 5
<b>run</b> best judge of a r.	CRICKET 17
gin will make them r.	DRESS 4
Haven't you r. before	UNINTENDED 11
r. away from home	PARENTS 4
r. over by an ice wagon	TECHNOLOGY 14
<b>running</b> all the r. you can do	PROGRESS 2
Avoid r.	EXERCISE 9
<b>rush</b> leaving early to avoid the r.	DEATH 46
<b>rushes</b> Tsar of all the r.	FILM PRODUCERS 12
<b>Ruskin</b> art needed R.	ART 38
<b>Russian</b> Luck, like a R. car	SUCCESS 12
might have been a R.	COUNTRIES 16
<b>rye</b> make it a straight r.	DRINK 38
<b>sack</b> purge, and leave s.	ARISTOCRACY 9
<b>sacked</b> In the end we are all s.	POLITICIANS 11
<b>sacrament</b> would be a s.	BIRTH 4
<b>sacrifice</b> s. I am willing to make	DEATH 23
<b>sacrifices</b> s. were made at the altar	WEDDINGS 10
<b>sad</b> I am s. and weary	HOPE 7
s. reflection on	HUMOUR 21
<b>safe</b> no woman in London will be s.	WRITERS 10
pleasant and s. to use	SLEEP 3
<b>safety</b> realize that one's s. factor	GOVERNMENT 27
<b>safety-pin</b> spine for a s.	CHARACTER 16
<b>sagging</b> s., dragging or bagging	BODY 22
<b>Sagittarius</b> I'm a S.	PARANORMAL 3
<b>Sahara</b> crawling across the S.	CHOICE 2
<b>said</b> had s. it myself	CONVERSATION 27
If you want anything s.	MEN AND WOMEN 54
much to be s.	ANGER 1
nobody had s. it before	QUOTATIONS 13
<b>Saigon</b> S. is like all the other	TOWNS 24
<b>sailor</b> No man will be a s.	ARMED FORCES 16
<b>saint</b> angel in order to be a s.	CHARACTER 17
make of me a s.	LOVE 7
s. or the incarnation of Satan	POLITICIANS 22
<b>salad</b> s. lies in a group	FLYING 7
shit from a chicken s.	SPEECHES 14
<b>salary</b> s. depends on not	MANAGEMENT 7
<b>sales</b> would halve the s.	SCIENCE 11
<b>salmon</b> issued with a 2lb fresh s.	YOUTH 2
s. over his shoulder	ART 33
<b>salt</b> s. left in my shaker	OLD AGE 13
<b>Salteena</b> Mr S. was an elderly	OLD AGE 1
<b>same</b> come back the s. day	TRAVEL 19
He is much the s.	TELEGRAMS 1
tell the s. story	AGE 7
<b>sanctions</b> Baldwin denouncing s.	CERTAINTY 3
<b>sand</b> s. in the porridge	HOLIDAYS 3
<b>sandals</b> wearings. but never with	DRESS 20
<b>sandwich</b> club s. to arrive	HOLIDAYS 7
philosophy of the s.	FOOD 48
watercress s.	FOOD 66

**sandwiches** green s.

love of free s.

**Sandy** my friend, S.**sane** Show me a s. man**sanitary** glorified s. engineer**sanity** ain't no S. Claus**Santa** S. has committed suicide**Santa Claus** S. is a Democrat**sapphire** s. bracelet**sarcasm** Guinness, s. and late nights**sardines** opening a tin of s.

s. will be thrown

**sashes** nice new s.**sat** no one has ever s. on me

upon which everyone has s.

**Satan** incarnation of S.

S. made Sydney

S. probably wouldn't

**satanist** I'm a dyslexic S.**satin** in a red s. dress**satire** s. is a lesson

S. is a sort of glass

S. is what closes Saturday

**satirical** any s. programme**satisfied** Massey won't be s.

S. great success

**Saturday** date on a S. night

on a S. night

S. morning, although recurring

Satire is what closes S. night

**sausage** s. and haddock**sausages** Laws are like s.**savage** s. nobility

untutored s.

**savaged** s. by a dead sheep**save** less democracy to s.

s. all the parts

wants to s. the earth

**saved** s. by being dammed**saving** most popular labour-s. device

S. is a very fine thing

**Savoy** gun cross the S. Grill**say** do what I s.

having nothing to s.

I did not s.

If you don't s. anything

people doing what I s.

reflect that what people s.

someone else has got to s.

s. a few words

s. of me behind my back

s. the perfectly correct

s. what you mean

way I s. it

**saying** if something is not worth s.**scale** adjust on his bathroom s.**scandal** début with a s.

one good s. left

**scarlet** sins were s.**scent** s. on a pocket**sceptical** we're s.**schedule** s. is already full**schemes** s. of political improvement

FOOD 58

BUSINESS 1

COMEDY ROUTINES 13

MENTAL HEALTH 6

GOD 39

CHRISTMAS 6

CHRISTMAS 2

POLITICAL PARTIES 12

AMERICA 13

IRELAND 6

LIFE 7

NEWSPAPERS 10

DEATH 26

WORDS 21

POLITICIANS 12

POLITICIANS 22

TOWNS 1

GOD 35

RELIGION 60

GOSSIP 12

HUMOUR 15

SELF-KNOWLEDGE 22

THEATRE 19

HUMOUR 21

ACTORS 21

TELEGRAMS 16

SEX 8

HUMOUR 7

TRANSPORT 8

THEATRE 19

COOKERY 24

LAW 2

CRITICS 22

FAMILY LIFE 4

INSULTS 23

WAR 5

TECHNOLOGY 5

AMBITION 8

COUNTRIES 18

HUSBANDS 1

MONEY 9

BUSINESS 17

GOVERNMENT 28

CONVERSATION 10

CERTAINTY 13

SPEECHES 7

OFFICE LIFE 9

SELF-KNOWLEDGE 20

ANGER 9

SPEECHES 12

SELF-KNOWLEDGE 26

MANNERS 22

CONVERSATION 6

FILM STARS 16

SONGS 1

CHARACTER 4

OLD AGE 30

GOSSIP 8

DEATH 11

PRIME MINISTERS 27

PARANORMAL 3

DIPLOMACY 6

POLITICS 22



<b>schizophrenia</b> you have s.	GOD 40	<b>seal</b> heard a s. bark	CERTAINTY 15
<b>Schleswig</b> S.-Holstein question	DIPLOMACY 11	I mistook you for the Great S.	JUDGES 2
<b>scholarship</b> great distraction to s.	SEX 20	<b>seams</b> Amusing little s.	FASHION 5
indications of s.	EXAMINATIONS 3	<b>seasickness</b> cure for s.	TRAVEL 22
<b>school</b> been to a good s.	EDUCATION 14	<b>seat</b> young woman offers me her s.	AGE 13
girls' s. and a lunatic asylum	TELEVISION 14	<b>Sebastian</b> parents call you S.	SPORTS 14
I went to night s.	MEN AND WOMEN 59	<b>second</b> for the s. time	GARDENS 5
ours was a tough s.	EDUCATION 4	s. oldest profession	POLITICS 41
s. without any boots	PRIME MINISTERS 10	s.-rate ones	MUSICIANS 5
<b>schoolboy</b> every s. knows	FOOLISHNESS 13	<b>second-rate</b> too short for s. hotels	HOLIDAYS 12
<b>schoolmaster</b> becoming a s.	ACADEMIC 16	<b>seconds</b> favourite food is s.	DIETS 9
<b>schoolmasters</b> embittered s.	ANIMALS 7	<b>secret</b> discovered the s.	MIDDLE AGE 7
<b>schools</b> We class s.	EDUCATION 20	keep your s.	ACTORS 33
<b>schoolteacher</b> s. is certainly	EDUCATION 11	most difficult s. for a man	SECRECY 8
<b>science</b> investigated by s.	MEN AND WOMEN 17	neurosis is a s.	MIND 13
Success is a s.	SUCCESS 32	other people's s. virtues	GOSSIP 9
triumph of modern s.	MEDICINE 33	s. dies with me	LIBRARIES 1
<b>scientist</b> elderly but distinguished s.	SCIENCE 9	s. in the Oxford sense	GOSSIP 3
exercise for a research s.	SCIENCE 14	that's a s.	GOSSIP 1
s. were to cut his ear	ART 24	<b>secrets</b> s. with girls	SECRECY 4
<b>scientists</b> in the company of s.	SCIENCE 4	<b>seduction</b> In s., the rapist	SEX 37
s. were more advanced	UNIVERSE 7	<b>see</b> come up and s. me sometime	SEX 73
<b>scissors</b> always end up using s.	TECHNOLOGY 11	not worth going to s.	TRAVEL 15
larger pair of s.	DRESS 14	s. the world	ARMED FORCES 3
<b>scoring</b> s. like Jane	GOLF 7	You can s. as far as Marlow	MISTAKES 12
<b>Scot</b> Gibson could play a S.	ACTORS 3	<b>seed</b> spills his s.	NAMES 16
<b>Scotch</b> as a S. banker	CANADA 5	<b>seen</b> remember more than I have s.	TRAVEL 12
on a case of S.	DRINK 8	s. dead with	DEATH 60
<b>scotch</b> rather hear me drink s.	SONGS 3	<b>sees</b> s. and hears all we do	MARRIAGE 60
<b>Scotchman</b> prospect which a S.	SCOTLAND 6	<b>selective</b> s. memory isn't selective	MEMORY 5
<b>Scotland</b> inferior sort of S.	COUNTRIES 26	<b>self</b> For s.-revelation	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 11
in S. supports the people	SCOTLAND 7	s.-cleaning oven	HOME 26
Labour-voting S.	DIPLOMACY 14	S.-denial is not a virtue	VIRTUE 16
much the same in S.	SCOTLAND 4	s.-made man	ENGLAND 3
seek to define as S.	SCOTLAND 2	starves your s.-respect	MEMBERS 9
<b>Scotsman</b> Flying S. is no less	CERTAINTY 3	<b>self-control</b> s. in cabinet	ANGER 18
S. on the make	SCOTLAND 1	<b>self-defence</b> woo her with a s. manual	ROMANCE 1
S. with a grievance	SCOTLAND 10	<b>self-made</b> s. man is one who believes	AMBITION 9
<b>scouts</b> s. with behavioural difficulties	YOUTH 10	<b>self-righteous</b> good enough for the s.	RELIGION 40
<b>scrabble</b> s. with all the vowels missing	MUSIC 17	<b>sell</b> I'll s. him	CHILDREN 20
<b>scratch</b> S. a lover	FRIENDS 12	<b>sells</b> she s.	CINEMA 9
<b>scratches</b> When Ah itchez, Ah s.	DRESS 15	<b>semi</b> s.-house-trained polecat	POLITICIANS 14
<b>scratching</b> s. of pimples	BOOKS 30	<b>semicolon</b> telephoned a s.	NEWSPAPERS 4
<b>scream</b> s. in a low voice	CHILDREN 6	<b>senators</b> look at the s.	GOVERNMENT 8
<b>screaming</b> someone's s. in agony	LANGUAGES 13	<b>senescence</b> S. begins	OLD AGE 24
s. risotto recipes	OPERA 6	<b>senna</b> dutiful boy takes s.-tea	CRITICS 26
<b>screams</b> monster that s.	MUSIC 45	<b>sense</b> s. beneath is rarely found	WORDS 16
muffle the s.	FLYING 6	s. of humour	ENGLAND 25
<b>screw</b> s. loose rolls into California	AMERICA 14	sometimes they don't make s.	POETRY 3
<b>screws</b> NUT S. WASHERS	HEADLINES 6	<b>senses</b> come to their s.	POLITICIANS 28
<b>scribble</b> Always s., scribble	WRITING 11	<b>sensibilité</b> word equivalent to s.	LANGUAGES 16
<b>scribbler</b> monthly s.	NEWSPAPERS 7	<b>sensible</b> S. men are all of the same	RELIGION 23
<b>script</b> shooting without a s.	WAR 16	<b>sensitive</b> men who are s., caring	MEN AND WOMEN 3
<b>scripts</b> Beware geeks bearing s.	CRITICS 4	<b>sensitively</b> lie to them s.	MEN AND WOMEN 40
<b>scrum</b> nuns in a rugger s.	ARCHITECTURE 10	<b>sensitivity</b> extraordinary s.	HYPOCRISY 1
<b>sculptor</b> Epstein is a great s.	ART 29	<b>sensual</b> Catholic and s.	TRAVEL 7
last refuge of the s.	ART 27	<b>sentence</b> Marriage isn't a word...it's a s.	MARRIAGE 74
<b>scurvy</b> of my gettings s.	SICKNESS 15	originator of a good s.	QUOTATIONS 3
<b>sea</b> desperately monotonous as the s.	NATURE 15	perfect s. construction	ACADEMIC 11
never go to s.	ARMED FORCES 9	S. structure is innate	LANGUAGE 1
saw the s.	ARMED FORCES 3	simple declarative s.	EPITAPHS 8
s. of platitudes	CONVERSATION 20	<b>sentences</b> Backward ran s.	LANGUAGE 7
<b>seagulls</b> When s. follow a trawler	NEWSPAPERS 10		



<b>sentiments</b> bad s. that one makes	LITERATURE 12	<b>sexually</b> fatal s. transmitted disease	LIFE 33
<b>serendipity</b> s. means	WORDS 3	Life is a s. transmitted disease	LIFE 5
<b>serious</b> joke's a very s. thing	HUMOUR 6	Talent is not s. transmittable	SEX 38
more s. than that	FOOTBALL 21	<b>Seymour</b> Lower S. Street	CLASS 19
s. and the smirk	ART 10	<b>shady</b> sunny place for s. people	FRANCE 11
s. thing as a joke	HUMOUR 16	<b>shag</b> high price to pay for a s.	MODERN LIFE 7
You cannot be s.	TENNIS 6	<b>shake</b> s. The catsup bottle	FOOD 4
<b>seriousness</b> S. is stupidity	EDUCATION 10	<b>shaker</b> salt left in my s.	OLD AGE 13
<b>sermons</b> look for s. in stones	RELIGION 26	<b>Shakespeare</b> S. is so tiring	ACTING 17
S. and soda-water	HAPPINESS 5	Brush up your S.	THEATRE 25
<b>servant</b> humble s. of the Lord Jesus	MEMBERS 4	do S.	ACTING 20
s.'s cut in half	MISTAKES 16	reading S. Sonnets	ACTORS 9
s. to the devil	CIVIL SERVANTS 6	works of S.	COMPUTERS 16
<b>servants</b> English s.	TRAVEL 6	write like S.	WRITERS 28
in the s.' hall	CLASS 2	<b>shaking</b> when they start s. them	SPEECHES 3
<b>serve</b> s. both God and Mammon	GOD 38	<b>shallow</b> only s. people who do not	APPEARANCE 26
<b>service</b> unfit for military s.	ARMED FORCES 12	<b>sham</b> pain for my s. friends	FRIENDS 3
<b>set</b> he had a complete s.	LIBRARIES 6	<b>shame</b> secret s. destroyed my peace	POETS 16
think their little s.—mankind	MEN 24	s. and humiliation	FAME 21
<b>setback</b> marriage suffered a s.	MARRIAGE 5	still have to ask...s. on you	MUSIC 5
<b>seven</b> Even the Almighty took s.	POLITICS 11	<b>shares</b> do not let my s. go down	RELIGION 8
learned in s. years	GENERATION GAP 9	s. are a penny	MONEY 19
lowly air Of S. Dials	ARISTOCRACY 4	<b>shark</b> bitten in half by a s.	CHOICE 6
talk about the s. inches	BODY 29	followed conversation as a s.	PUNS 5
<b>several</b> hear s. times	OPERA 8	got on our hands is a dead s.	RELATIONSHIPS 1
<b>severity</b> with its usual s.	WEATHER 2	s.-infested waters	INSULTS 32
<b>sew</b> s. rings on the new curtains	INSULTS 10	<b>sharks</b> We are all s. circling	POLITICS 13
<b>sewer</b> trip through a s.	HOLLYWOOD 14	<b>sharpen</b> s. my tongue	WIT 28
<b>sex</b> Acting is like s.	ACTING 36	<b>sharper</b> wits to grow s.	PHILOSOPHY 7
become a s. maniac	EXAMINATIONS 4	<b>shave</b> Burma-S.	FACES 2
bothered with s.	SEX 56	tried to s. off my eyebrows	FACES 9
chance to have s.	TELEVISION 19	<b>shaves</b> man who s. and takes a train	TRANSPORT 21
conceal its s.	ANIMALS 22	<b>Shaw</b> Oh, that Bernadette S.	WRITERS 31
English weren't famous for s.	ENGLAND 6	S.'s plays are the price	THEATRE 2
getting more s. than you are	SEX 52	<b>she</b> S. who must be obeyed	WOMEN 17
going to have s. again	MEN AND WOMEN 46	<b>shears</b> resembles a pair of s.	MARRIAGE 68
Instant S.	SEX 35	<b>sheep</b> acquainted with s.	DESCRIPTION 12
I say 's.'	UNINTENDED 4	admired in s.	MARRIAGE 41
Is s. dirty	SEX 5	mountain s. are sweeter	FOOD 49
Money was exactly like s.	MONEY 3	savaged by a dead s.	INSULTS 23
more important than s.	SEX 55	s. count him	CHARACTER 11
mostly about having s.	LITERATURE 16	s. in sheep's clothing	PRIME MINISTERS 20
No s., please	COMEDY ROUTINES 28	two wolves and a s. voting	DEMOCRACY 2
s. and jewels	ART 39	<b>sheepdog</b> if it was a s.	MUSICIANS 14
s. and the eighteenth century	BOOKS 5	<b>Sheffield</b> brought up in S.	SPORTS 14
S. ever rears its ugly head	SEX 15	<b>shelf</b> thing to have in a libry is a s.	LIBRARIES 4
s. for the students	ACADEMIC 7	<b>shell</b> making s.-cases	MUSICIANS 16
s., smoking dope	ACADEMIC 3	<b>Shelley</b> enthusiasm for S.	RELIGION 58
s. was dirty	AGE 3	I wish S. had been at Harrow	POETS 8
s. with someone I love	SEX 2	<b>shellfish</b> can't have s., poultry	FOOD 2
short-legged sex the fair s.	MEN AND WOMEN 49	<b>shelves</b> leave them on the s.	LIBRARIES 7
we've had s.	UNINTENDED 5	<b>shepherd</b> Hays is my s.	CENSORSHIP 5
What s. are you going to put	BUREAUCRACY 12	s.'s pie peppered	FOOD 61
when they want to have s.	WOMEN 28	<b>shimmy</b> s. like my sister	DANCE 9
When you have money, it's s.	MONEY 11	<b>shiny</b> s. stuff is tomatoes	FLYING 7
worst thing about oral s.	SEX 50	<b>ship</b> being in a s.	ARMED FORCES 16
<b>sexes</b> there are three s.	CLERGY 12	desert a sinking s.	CERTAINTY 4
win the battle of the s.	MEN AND WOMEN 28	like a sinking s.	ACTORS 35
<b>sexual</b> s. astonishment	SICKNESS 18	swimming <i>towards</i> a sinking s.	TRUST 2
S. harassment at work	OFFICE LIFE 10	<b>ships</b> prefer to travel on French s.	TRANSPORT 6
S. intercourse began	SEX 47	<b>shipwreck</b> except in case of s.	MANNERS 10
true s. equality	MEN AND WOMEN 38	invaluable in a s.	MEN 27
with a high s. strike rate	HISTORY 3	<b>Shiraz</b> red wine of S.	BODY 10



- Shirley** don't call me S.  
S. Temple could do it  
S. Temple dolls
- shirt** s. in its underpants
- shit** hear me say 's.'  
look and feel like s.  
s. from a chicken salad  
when I s.
- shits** knew who the s. were
- shiver** s. looking for a spine
- shivers** s. like a jelly
- shock** s. them and keep them  
short, sharp s.
- shoe** embrace a woman's s.  
Kruschev began banging his s.
- shoes** good pair of s.  
good tailor and comfortable s.  
in cheap s.  
in doubt buy s.  
just wearing better s.  
left my s. and socks there  
s. that were expensive  
s. that were expensive  
s. with high heels
- shoot** Please do not s. the pianist  
s. me in my absence  
s. me through linoleum
- shooting** being late was a s. party  
s. as a sport depends  
s. two other men  
s. without a script  
Stop s.
- shoots** s. and leaves
- shop** get in through the gift s.  
opened a knitting s.
- shopping** able to help with the s.
- short** perfect, in being much too s.  
s., sharp shock  
S. dictionaries  
Some jokes are s. and elegant
- shorter** It's s.  
time to make it s.
- shorts** Eat my s.
- shot** he once s. a bookseller  
I had them all s.  
s. at for sixpence  
such a good s.
- shoulder** left s.-blade
- shoulders** S. back  
s. of a parlour maid
- shout** S. with the largest
- shouting** S. in the evenings
- show** Another op'nin' of another s.  
coming to fix the s.  
food I ate and not the s.  
-kind of s. to give pornography  
once you're in s. business  
s. business for ugly people  
s. is frozen  
s. me where  
What do you think of the s. so far
- show-business** s. with blood
- MISTAKES 1  
ACTING 15  
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WRITING 20  
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- shower** HANDSTAND IN S.  
have a summer s.  
just gave me a s. radio  
s. curtain on the inside
- showgirls** S. MORE OR LESS
- showing** success is s. up
- shows** All my s. are great
- shrieks** s. to pitying heav'n
- shroud** gaiety is a striped s.
- shudder** with a s. despairing
- shut** it seemed to be s.  
sit down and s. vup  
Whenever you're right, s. up
- shutters** keep the s. up
- shyness** S. is egotism out of its depth
- shysters** driving the s. out
- sibling** marriage is a s. relationship
- sick** hospital is no place to be s.  
Pass the s. bag  
were you not extremely s.
- sickness** finding a s. you like
- side** don't care which s. wins  
going to be on the other s.  
Yo! Turkey I'm on your s.
- sides** both s. of the paper  
everyone changes s.  
holding on to the s.  
said on both s.
- sideways** We think s.
- sign** some clear s.
- signalling** wildly s.
- signature** One day you are a s.  
one's style is one's s.
- silence** easy step to s.  
flashes of s.  
In s.  
Indecency's conspiracy of s.  
two minutes' s.
- silent** 'g' is s.  
God is s.  
Poets have been mysteriously s.  
remain s. is the most useful  
t is s. as in *Harlow*
- silicon** Had s. been a gas
- silk** make a s. purse  
pig in a s. suit  
s. makes the difference  
s. stockings of your actresses  
worn with a s. hat
- silly** think one of us was s.
- silver** Georgian s. goes  
s. foot in his mouth  
s. plate on a coffin
- simple** beautiful and s.  
rarely pure, and never s.
- sin** beauty is only s. deep  
cardinal s. is dullness  
Excepting Original S.  
go away and s. no more  
one unpardonable s.  
s. with Elinor Glyn
- sincere** Always be s., even if
- sincerity** s. is a dangerous thing
- TELEGRAMS 19  
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**Sindh** I have S.  
**sing** answering machine and s.  
blues for people who can't s.  
die before they s.  
heard no horse s. a song  
people s. it  
s. my best in this position  
they could s.  
**singing** don't want you s.  
in spite of the s.  
**single** desire to be s. again  
s. man in possession  
**singles** What strenuous s. we played  
**sings** instead of bleeding, he s.  
**sinister** went around looking s.  
**sink** stare sullenly at the s.  
threw the kitchen s.  
**sinking** desert a s. ship  
like a s. ship  
swimming *towards* a s. ship  
**sinner** Or I of her a s.  
s. revised and edited  
**sinning** in good shape for more s.  
**sins** s. were scarlet  
terrible s. I have working  
**sir** Either one calls him S.  
**sissy** rose-red s.  
s. stuff that rhymes  
**sister** bury my s.  
trying to violate your s.  
**sisterly** s. animosity  
**sisters** s. under their skins  
**sit** allowed to s. down  
come and s. by me  
s. down and shut up  
**site** By God what a s.  
s. for sore eyes  
**sits** s. down before he stands up  
Sometimes I s. and thinks  
**sitting** He struts s. down  
stay s. down  
unsportsmanlike to hit a s. ball  
you're s. on it  
**six** forget the s. feet  
**sixpence** shot at for s.  
**sixty** alone and s.  
recently turned s.  
**sixty-five** s. you get social security  
**size** cut you down to my s.  
s. of the onion, the dish  
this male angst over s.  
**sizzle** sell the steak, sell the s.  
**skate** I could s. on them  
**skating** s. on thin ice  
**skay** s. is only seen  
**Skegness** I say stuff S.  
**ski** they s. and eat chocolate  
**ski-ing** s. consists of wearing  
**skill** Imagination without s.  
S. is fine and genius is  
**skin** taxidermist takes only your s.  
**skinny** tall s. black Americano  
**skins** sisters under their s.

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**skit** I think you're full of s.  
**Skugg** S. Lies snug  
**skulk** s. in broad daylight  
**sky** s. falls on my head  
**slab** Beneath this s.  
**slam** Don't s. the lid  
s. the door in the face of age  
**slamming** s. Doors  
**slap** s. them as hard as you can  
**slapped** s. my mother  
**slashed** s.-wrist shot  
**slashing** damned cutting and s.  
**slate** thoughts upon a s.  
**slaves** never will be s.  
**slax** Little snax, Bigger s.  
**sleep** been to s. for over a year  
die in my s. like my grandfather  
I love s.  
like men who s. badly  
she tried to s. with me  
s. is so deep  
s. my way to the middle  
when you can't get to s.  
women s. with men so  
won't get much s.  
**sleeping** s. with a queen  
s. with them on the first date  
wake which knows no s.  
**sleepless** S. themselves  
**sleeps** Luca Brasi s. with the fishes  
s. alone at last  
s. with the enemy  
**slept** hearing that a judge had s.  
s. more than any other  
s. with your Auntie Phyllis  
**slice** S. him where you like  
**sliding** s. down a barrister  
**slightly** he was S. in *Peter Pan*  
**slime** doin' 'The S.'  
**slipped** s. on a hamburger  
**slipping** career must be s.  
**slob** You are just a fat s.  
**Slough** fall on S.  
**slow** Talk s.  
telling you to s. down  
was s. poison  
**slower** anybody driving s. than you  
**slums** intimacy of the s.  
**slush** French cuisine and Ice-cold Grape S.  
pure as the driven s.  
**small** as a s. whisky  
It's a s. word  
Microbe is so very s.  
pictures that got s.  
so s., he's the only man  
too s. for its boots  
**smaller** s. fleas to bite 'em  
**smallest** s. room of my house  
**smart** men like s. women  
s. enough to understand  
**smarter** thought themselves s.  
**smell** investigate a s.

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run after a nasty s.	SPORTS 3	s., and the lash	ARMED FORCES 4
<b>smelt</b> Are you s.	RESTAURANTS 1	<b>sofa</b> cooking is on the s.	COOKERY 5
<b>smile</b> Cambridge people rarely s.	TOWNS 6	<b>Soho</b> S., where anything goes	TOWNS 12
pay our tax bill with a s.	TAXES 1	<b>solar</b> quantum s. energy	PARTIES 2
s. a quiet approving smile	PRAISE 7	<b>soldier</b> British s. can stand	ARMED FORCES 23
s. bathed us	DESCRIPTION 4	For a s. I listed	ARMED FORCES 7
s. is humorous	FAMILY 19	's.,' cried my uncle	FOOLISHNESS 12
s. on the face of the tiger	ANIMALS 3	Well-Known S.	GOVERNMENT 31
Start every day with a s.	ADVICE 6	<b>soldiers</b> as many s. as that	WAR 19
<b>smirk</b> serious and the s.	ART 10	s., mostly fools	HISTORY 4
<b>smith</b> I have a niece called S.	SNOBBERY 12	<b>solicitor</b> can only go to his s.	RELIGION 22
<b>snails</b> tell them to 'hold' the s.	FOOD 9	<b>somebody</b> always wanted to be s.	AMBITION 10
<b>snake</b> in case I see a s.	DRINK 17	every one is s.	CLASS 11
<b>snappy</b> s. 19th-century	FILM 4	<b>someone</b> s., somewhere, may be	RELIGION 38
<b>snax</b> Little s., Bigger slax	DIETS 11	<b>something</b> it actually tells you s.	POETRY 14
<b>sneering</b> I was born s.	ARISTOCRACY 3	rather be doing s. else	WORK 4
<b>sneeze</b> you start to s.	LIFE 19	S. for everyone	THEATRE 28
<b>snigger</b> eunuch and a s.	CLERGY 7	S. may be gaining	BASEBALL 8
<b>snipe</b> shoot s. off him	CHARACTER 13	<b>somewhere</b> If you want to get s. else	PROGRESS 2
<b>snobbery</b> if s. died	HUMOUR 24	<b>son</b> our s. of a bitch	POLITICIANS 30
S. with Violence	SNOBBERY 4	s. asleep on the same benches	HOUSE OF LORDS 6
<b>snooker</b> s. gives you firm hands	SPORTS 4	<b>song</b> think this s.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 18
<b>snore</b> snorer can't hear himself s.	SLEEP 7	two men to write one s.	SONGS 9
<b>snored</b> Coolidge only s.	PRESIDENTS 18	<b>songs</b> know what my s. are about	SONGS 6
<b>snow</b> congealed s.	HOLLYWOOD 19	you know 600 folk s.	UNINTENDED 18
s. on the roof	OLD AGE 12	<b>songwriters</b> s. should worry about Art	ART 30
wrong kind of s.	WEATHER 16	<b>sonnets</b> <i>Do Not Attempt the S.</i>	WRITERS 28
<b>snowflake</b> No s. in an avalanche	MISTAKES 23	passibly effective s.	ADVERTISING 4
<b>snowflakes</b> one can hear s.	APPEARANCE 12	written s. all his life	WIVES 3
<b>snowing</b> before it stops s.	HOME 9	<b>sons</b> have four s.	PARENTS 17
<b>Snow White</b> I used to be S.	VIRTUE 19	<b>soon</b> too s. or too late	TECHNOLOGY 12
<b>snug</b> Skugg Lies s.	EPITAPHS 12	<b>sooner</b> answered your letter s.	LETTERS 1
<b>soaked</b> s. to the skin	OPTIMISM 1	same mistakes—only s.	LIFESTYLE 4
<b>soap</b> S. and education	EDUCATION 19	<b>sophisticated</b> Death is very s.	DEATH 58
<b>soar</b> s. like an eagle	SUCCESS 22	<b>sorrows</b> all my s. are at an end	MARRIAGE 36
<b>sober</b> different when you're s.	HOME 21	<b>sorry</b> s. for the poor browns	COLOURS 2
I've tried him s.	ROYALTY 9	S., I don't	COOKERY 17
keep absolutely s.	WEALTH 20	<b>sots</b> bribed s., called reviewers	CRITICS 11
one-third s.	DRUNKENNESS 3	<b>soul</b> cents for your s.	HOLLYWOOD 16
s. as a judge	DRINK 23	give his s. for the whole world	WALES 1
s. in your diet	WOMEN 31	<b>souls</b> sell their s.	HYPOCRISY 10
s. me up	LIBRARIES 5	<b>sound</b> s. like a five-year-old	CHILDREN 17
tomorrow I shall be s.	COMEBACKS 5	none of the s. ideas is original	POLITICAL PARTIES 11
<b>social</b> office as a s. centre	OFFICE LIFE 8	<b>sounds</b> music is better than it s.	MUSIC 35
<b>socialist</b> I am a S.	RELIGION 58	my concerts had no s.	UNINTENDED 12
<b>socialists</b> Education with s.	EDUCATION 3	similar s. at their ends	POETRY 12
<b>social security</b> s., not girls	SEX 64	<b>soup</b> cake of portable s.	DIARIES 1
<b>society</b> call it 'primitive s.'	PREJUDICE 6	cannot make a good s.	COOKERY 2
Indexers, S.	BOOKS 26	can steal s.	FILM PRODUCERS 10
Nescafé s.	SOCIETY 5	fork in a world of s.	PEOPLE 15
s. has had a taste	FOOD 51	Gentlemen do not take s.	CLASS 6
s. is wonderfully delightful	SOCIETY 12	s. and love	FOOD 24
want to break into s.	SOCIETY 7	thin as the homeopathic s.	INSULTS 30
<b>socks</b> can't find any clean s.	MEN AND WOMEN 27	you pissed in our s.	TRUST 1
s. compelled	FASHION 17	<b>south</b> Reykjavik of the S.	TOWNS 28
wearing sandals but never with s.	DRESS 20	<b>South African</b> S. police would leave	PREJUDICE 13
<b>Socrates</b> Think they're S.	AUSTRALIA 5	<b>space</b> said he needed more s.	HUSBANDS 7
<b>Socratic</b> S. method	ACADEMIC 12	s. between their cartoons	NEWSPAPERS 23
<b>sod</b> under his first s.	EPITAPHS 9	s. where nobody is	AMERICA 17
<b>soda</b> Sermons and s.-water	HAPPINESS 5	S. is almost infinite	UNIVERSE 9
<b>sodium</b> Of having discovered S.	SCIENCE 6	<b>spade</b> call a s. a thpade	WIT 21
<b>sodomy</b> Comedy, like s.	COMEDY 2	I have never seen a s.	INSULTS 57
Impotence and s. are socially O.K.	BIRTH 9	<b>spaghetti</b> Everything I have I owe to s.	FOOD 35



<b>spaghetti</b> (cont.)			
lonely eating s.	FOOD	43	
<b>Spain</b> Go to S. and get killed	POETS	13	
<b>Spanish</b> emotional, we're not S.	FAMILY	14	
expects the S. Inquisition	COMEDY ROUTINES	27	
reddish and S.	WINE	7	
<b>spare</b> s. a rope	AMERICA	9	
<b>spark</b> little s. of madness	MENTAL HEALTH	12	
<b>sparrows</b> know s. from starlings	ANIMALS	26	
to the road for the s.	ECONOMICS	7	
<b>speak</b> let it s. to you first	ART	32	
s. ill of everybody	AUTOBIOGRAPHY	9	
s. it fluently	LANGUAGES	13	
Stand up. S. up	SPEECHES	2	
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<b>speaker</b> most popular s.	SPEECHES	18	
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<b>specialist</b> s. is a man who knows	MEDICINE	24	
<b>species</b> they were an endangered s.	LOVE	8	
Wonderful theory, wrong s.	POLITICS	54	
<b>specific</b> should have been more s.	AMBITION	10	
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no s. so ridiculous	MORALITY	6	
<b>speculate</b> when he should not s.	BETTING	11	
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dreamt I was making a s.	SPEECHES	8	
make a s. on conservation	INSULTS	49	
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<b>speed</b> begin to pick up s.	AGE	20	
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what good is s.	TRAVEL	17	
<b>spell</b> couldn't s. <i>Indescribable</i>	INSULTS	2	
foreigners always s. better	LANGUAGES	21	
How do you s. 'accelerator'	WORDS	2	
inability to s.	HANDWRITING	3	
NO MONEY TILL YOU LEARN TO S.	TELEGRAMS	12	
s. football, never mind	FOOTBALL	11	
<b>spelling</b> My s. is Wobbly	LANGUAGE	15	
s. mistakes have been left in	BOOKS	16	
<b>spend</b> s. more time with me	FAMILY	22	
<b>spent</b> realize what you s.	CHRISTMAS	9	
<b>spheroid</b> oblate s.	UNIVERSE	2	
<b>sphinx</b> my clitoris, not the s.	SEX	26	
<b>spill</b> S. your guts at Wimbledon	TENNIS	3	
<b>spills</b> s. his seed	NAMES	16	
<b>spinach</b> I say it's s.	FOOD	64	
<b>spine</b> shiver looking for a s.	INSULTS	28	
s. for a safety-pin	CHARACTER	16	
<b>spinster</b> saved many an English s.	WOMEN	30	
<b>spirits</b> fail, in good s.	SUCCESS	25	
<b>spiritual</b> detestable s. qualities	CHARACTER	3	
			CRICKET 9
			MUSIC 28
			TELEVISION 18
			RELIGION 4
			LANGUAGE 4
			ARCHITECTURE 5
			FOOD 25
			DRINK 25
			SUCCESS 14
			GOLF 8
			POLITICS 53
			DEBT 7
			VIRTUE 10
			PARANORMAL 8
			VIRTUE 12
			ARMED FORCES 24
			BIOGRAPHY 3
			SPORTS 17
			SPORTS 6
			SPORTS 29
			NEWSPAPERS 9
			SPEECHES 27
			HOME 6
			SPEECHES 25
			LOVE 18
			BODY 30
			TRUST 3
			CANADA 1
			MEN AND WOMEN 31
			WRITERS 2
			TIME 12
			HOLLYWOOD 6
			OPERA 4
			IRELAND 9
			POLITICIANS 20
			ACTING 6
			THEATRE 10
			THEATRE 33
			ACTORS 18
			INSULTS 10
			WIT 13
			SELF-KNOWLEDGE 13
			AGE 16
			OLD AGE 22
			MISTAKES 2
			POLITICIANS 25
			PRIME MINISTERS 24
			PRIME MINISTERS 22
			MEDICINE 9
			CHARACTER 8
			ARMED FORCES 23
			SPEECHES 2
			SPEECHES 27
			WOMEN 26
			MANNERS 17
			MEN AND WOMEN 34
			SPEECHES 18
			PREJUDICE 2
			COOKERY 6
			SELF-KNOWLEDGE 16
			FILM STARS 14
			FAME 4
			FOOD 15



<b>starfish</b> find in a dead s.	GARDENS 6	<b>stones</b> look for sermons in s.	RELIGION 26
<b>stark</b> s. insensibility	ACADEMIC 6	<b>stood</b> one that has s. for five days	HOUSE OF LORDS 1
<b>starlings</b> know sparrows from s.	ANIMALS 26	should of s. in bed	BASEBALL 6
<b>stars</b> fading s.	FAME 6	<b>stop</b> nobody's going to s. 'em	BASEBALL 3
mistake each other for s.	HOLLYWOOD 1	s. everyone from doing it	LAW 10
stare at the s.	FRANCE 14	S. messing about	COMEDY ROUTINES 38
<b>start</b> any fool can s. one	SPEECHES 19	s. on his way down the aisle	PEOPLE 30
s. together and finish together	MUSIC 10	S. shooting	FILM 3
s. without me	SEX 16	<b>stopped</b> never s. you before	RETIREMENT 4
When does it s.	CRICKET 10	<b>storerooms</b> nothing but s.	DICTIONARIES 1
<b>starter</b> he was even a s.	PRIME MINISTERS 4	<b>storm</b> I s. and I roar	ANGER 17
<b>starving</b> some poor suckers are s.	LIFE 12	<b>story</b> s. because it is true	TRUTH 6
<b>state</b> lying in s.	DIPLOMACY 5	<b>stout</b> Collapse of S. Party	COMEDY ROUTINES 5
<b>stately</b> S. as a galleon	DANCE 3	usually short, s. men	SONGS 10
S. Homes	ARISTOCRACY 2	<b>stove</b> Send back the s.	ADVICE 7
s. homes of England	ARISTOCRACY 11	<b>St Pancras</b> Towers of S. Station	MUSIC 9
s. homos of England	SEX 34	<b>St Paul's</b> designing S.	ARCHITECTURE 2
<b>statesman</b> requirement of a s.	GOVERNMENT 1	S. had come down	ARCHITECTURE 13
s. is a politician who's	POLITICIANS 33	<b>straight</b> pretty s. sort of a guy	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 3
<b>static</b> used to think it was s.	MUSIC 24	<b>Strand</b> I walk down the S.	SOCIETY 6
<b>station</b> ideas above her s.	LANGUAGES 18	<b>strange</b> Don't accept rides from s. men	ADVICE 11
<b>stationary</b> Suddenly becoming s.	DRIVING 4	very s. and well bred	MANNERS 8
<b>statistics</b> S. are like a bikini	STATISTICS 4	<b>stranger</b> cuddled by a complete s.	CHILDREN 1
lies, damned lies and s.	STATISTICS 2	holding hands with a s.	BEAUTY 4
<b>statue</b> s. has never been set up	CRITICS 35	S. than fiction	TRUTH 2
S. of Liberty	SEX 4	wiles of the s.	FAMILY LIFE 9
<b>stay</b> s. up all night	LIFESTYLE 5	<b>strangle</b> s. bad persons	MURDER 6
<b>steak</b> sell the s., sell the sizzle	ADVERTISING 11	<b>Stravinsky</b> idea S. disliked Debussy	MUSICIANS 15
they'll have s. too	FOOD 3	<b>straw</b> Pat is the last s.	WIT 10
waiting for the s. to cook	DIETS 1	<b>strawberry</b> I'm not a s.	WIT 15
<b>steal</b> can s. soup	FILM PRODUCERS 10	<b>straws</b> start drawing s.	CRICKET 13
mature poets s.	POETRY 9	<b>street</b> don't do it in the s.	SEX 28
s. from many, it's research	WRITING 18	what s. Canada is on	CANADA 4
s. out of your company	CRIME 25	worth two in the s.	MEN 32
Thou shalt not s.	CRIME 9	<b>streets</b> S. FLOODED. PLEASE ADVISE	TELEGRAMS 3
<b>stealing</b> S. too fast	BUSINESS 21	<b>streetwalking</b> in the s. scene	ACTING 27
<b>steals</b> s. from the poor	FILM PRODUCERS 18	<b>strength</b> When you've the s. for it	ACTING 23
<b>steam</b> ran out of s.	WIT 25	<b>stricken</b> many a s. home	NEWSPAPERS 42
<b>steer</b> too difficult to s.	ANIMALS 20	<b>strike</b> s. it out	WRITING 13
<b>step</b> Equality is a s. down	FEMINISM 12	when in doubt, s. it out	WRITING 22
especially s.-parents	CHILDREN 27	<b>string</b> too much s.	POETRY 8
starts with a single s.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 13	<b>striped</b> gaiety is a s. shroud	WALES 4
<b>step-ladder</b> got out my s.	FAMILY LIFE 6	<b>stripper</b> worked for a while as a s.	COMEDY 1
<b>stepsons</b> and three s.	PARENTS 17	<b>strippers</b> made it as real s.	THEATRE 12
<b>stew</b> Irish s. of drama	THEATRE 34	<b>striptease</b> fashion at a s.	EXAMINATIONS 2
<b>stick</b> barb that makes it s.	WIT 45	<b>strive</b> need'st not s.	DEATH 16
<b>stiff</b> little s. from badminton	SPORTS 1	<b>strong</b> s. and childish	MEN 29
<b>stigma</b> Any s., as the old saying	ANGER 12	<b>strove</b> little still she s.	VIRTUE 6
<b>still</b> I'm s. here	MISTAKES 19	<b>struck</b> women should be s.	MEN AND WOMEN 11
<b>stimulant</b> supply of the s.	DRINK 17	<b>struggling</b> still s.	SUCCESS 33
<b>stimulate</b> s. the phagocytes	MEDICINE 31	<b>strumpet</b> Enter the s. voluntary	WIT 53
<b>stings</b> what s. is justice	LAW 19	<b>struts</b> He s. sitting down	INSULTS 16
<b>stock</b> lock, s. and iceberg	CANADA 8	<b>stubble</b> nobody knows De s. I've seen	FACES 2
<b>stockholders</b> working for my s.	BUSINESS 24	<b>stuck</b> You're not s. in traffic	DRIVING 2
<b>Stoke Poges</b> incontinent man from S.	POETRY 17	<b>study</b> little s. you'll go a long way	EDUCATION 12
<b>stomach</b> have a s. ache	MEDICINE 17	<b>stuff</b> too short to s. a mushroom	TIME 11
healthy s.	EATING 5	<b>stumbled</b> occasionally s. over the truth	PRIME MINISTERS 16
s. must digest	DRINK 46	<b>stump</b> mount the s.	INSULTS 49
s. went in for a career	BODY 16	<b>stupid</b> all questions were s.	SCIENCE 19
<b>stomachs</b> march on their s.	ARMED FORCES 22	s. auld bitch	INSULTS 8
<b>stone</b> beats a heart of s.	SPORTS 19	s. man is doing something	MORALITY 15
give them the s.	ENEMIES 6	appear s.	SPEECHES 28
heart of s.	CRITICS 48		



**stupid** (cont.)

interesting...but s.	COMEDY ROUTINES 42
It's the economy, s.	ECONOMICS 4
You s. boy	COMEDY ROUTINES 49
<b>stupidity</b> inherited s. of the race	ENGLAND 41
Seriousness is s.	EDUCATION 10
universe and human s.	FOOLISHNESS 4
<b>style</b> failure may be your s.	FAILURE 3
one's s. is one's signature	LETTERS 12
taste, and s.	MANNERS 20
whatever happens to be in s.	INSULTS 52
<b>subjunctive</b> s. mood is in its death	LANGUAGE 14
<b>sublime</b> step is short from the S.	TRANSPORT 10
<b>submerged</b> completely s. in water	MODERN LIFE 1
<b>substitution</b> s. of 'kwik' for 'quick'	ADVERTISING 2
<b>subtraction</b> dollars, that's s.	MEN AND WOMEN 56
<b>subtracts</b> woman s. from her age	AGE 5
<b>suburbs</b> s. of morality	VIRTUE 9
<b>succeed</b> How to s. in business	SUCCESS 16
If at first you don't s.	FAILURE 3
If at first you don't s.	FAILURE 5
if at first you don't s.	FAMILY 12
want to s. in politics	POLITICS 27
<b>succeeds</b> Nothing s. like excess	SUCCESS 31
Whenever a friend s.	SUCCESS 29
<b>succès</b> S. <i>d'estime</i>	WIT 25
<b>success</b> gives s. its flavour	FAILURE 2
If A is a s. in life	LIFESTYLE 7
no deodorant like s.	SUCCESS 27
obstacles to achieve his s.	SUCCESS 26
Satisfied great s.	TELEGRAMS 16
second wife to his s.	WIVES 1
s. is showing up	SUCCESS 1
s. that ran out of	WIT 25
S. is a lousy teacher	SUCCESS 8
S. is the one unpardonable sin	SUCCESS 3
<b>successful</b> Behind every s. man	MEN 15
s. in your profession	CRIME 12
s. writer is important	WRITERS 12
<b>succession</b> s. of opposing certainties	CERTAINTY 17
<b>sucker</b> Never give a s.	BETTING 4
<b>sucking</b> all that s. and blowing	MARRIAGE 6
<b>suffragettes</b> s. were triumphant	FEMINISM 2
<b>sugar</b> shower you with s. lumps	ANIMALS 17
triumph of s. over diabetes	WRITERS 30
with a pinch of s.	STATISTICS 5
<b>suggestions</b> In Rome, they are s.	DRIVING 9
<b>suicide</b> call a 's. blonde'	HAIR 2
committed political s.	UNINTENDED 13
Santa has committed s.	CHRISTMAS 2
where they commit s.	COUNTRIES 2
<b>suit</b> lugubrious man in a s.	POETS 5
point his s.	FILM STARS 7
wears a white s. all the time	DRESS 11
<b>suitcase</b> Law of the Ever-level S.	TRAVEL 5
rawhide s.	FILM STARS 5
<b>suits</b> omelette all over our s.	MISTAKES 9
<b>sulk</b> I will not...s.	DATING 6
<b>sultry</b> where the climate's s.	SEX 27
<b>summer</b> S. bachelors, like summer breezes	MEN 10
S. has set in	WEATHER 2
s. in England	WEATHER 15
<b>sumo</b> watching s. wrestling	SPORTS 18

**sums** like s. with letters

**sun** journalist from the S.

s. go down on his wrath

s. never sets

S. Wot Won It

Thank heavens, the s. has gone

**sunbeams** s. out of cucumbers

**sunbed** can't get two on a s.

**sunburn** S. is very becoming

**Sunday** English S.

S.-school superintendent

**sundial** I am a s.

**sunlit** Give them broad s. uplands

**sunny** s. place for shady people

**sunsets** colourful s.

**sunshine** are the s.

grievance and a ray of s.

**superior** I am a most s. person

which is the s. sex

**superseded** knowledge, been s.

**support** invisible means of s.

little bit of s.

s. of Paul

s. rather than illumination

There's a s. group for that.

**suppose** queerer than we *can* s.

**suppository** give you a s.

**suppressed** Truth is s.

**sure** nobody is s. about

**surely** Shome mishtake, s.

**surgeon** fashionable s., like a pelican

**surgeons** with brain s.

**surprise** girl as a s.

takes this railway by s.

**surprised** devilish s.

It is we who are s.

proven right or pleasantly s.

she was so s.

she wouldn't be at all s.

**surrender** cheese-eating s. monkeys

**surrogate** Vatican is against s. mothers

**survive** paranoid s.

**susceptible** peculiarly s. to draughts

**suspect** S. all

**suspects** Round up the usual s.

**suspender** up there with s. belts

**suspicion** recurrent s.

**suttee** committing s.

**swamps** across primeval s.

**swans** S. sing

**sward** delectable s.

**swear** Don't s., boy

**swearing** s. is very much part of it

**swears** never s. at his wife

**sweater** knowing how to fill a s.

**sweatshop** Shanghai s. to satisfy

**Swede** boring old S.

travelling S.

**swedes** made to wash s.

**sweeter** mountain sheep are s.

**sweetheart** cutting your s.'s toe-nails

**sweetie** run a s.-shop

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ANGER 22

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MEN AND WOMEN 50

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TECHNOLOGY 10

DEMOCRACY 14

ARISTOCRACY 1

FAMILY 39

SONGS 5

GARDENS 2

LANGUAGE 2

SPORTS 17

MEN AND WOMEN 4

ACTORS 13

POLITICIANS 19

FILM STARS 4

COUNTRIES 7

YOUTH 10

FOOD 49

LOVE 3

HUMOUR 4



- sweetness** s. of nature  
**sweets** bag of boiled s.  
**swift** not always to the s.  
**swill** inside a s.-bucket  
**swim** teach you how to s.  
**swimming** S. is a confusing sport  
**swindles** all truly great s.  
**swine** have offered them 's.'  
 Pearls before s.  
**swing** s. a cat  
**swinging** which would keep s.  
**Swiss** at a S. bank  
 if the S. had designed  
 operated by the S.  
**switch** s. off the lights  
**Switzerland** don't like S.  
 look upon S.  
 Mansions can't run away to S.  
**Sydney** Satan made S.  
**syllable** of more than one s.  
**syllables** in seventeen s.  
**sylph** only s. I ever saw  
**sympathy** s. even as an endangered  
 your God-damned s.  
**t** t is silent, as in *Harlow*  
**table** enough to get a t.  
 t. at the Caprice  
 t. near the floor  
**tables** make dining-room t. out of  
**tablet** keep taking The T.  
**tabloids** read t. deserve  
**tailor** good t. and comfortable shoes  
**taint** t. of legality  
**take** can't t. any more of what  
 I'll t. that one  
 T. him  
 T. me or leave me  
 T. my wife  
 t. something for it  
**takes** someone t. them away  
**talcum** bit of t.  
**tale** hold the world by the t.  
**talent** mediocre t.  
 NO REAL T. REQUIRED  
 no t. and is modest  
 t. is like a marksman  
 T. is not sexually transmittable  
**talents** endowed with God-given t.  
**Taliban** like living under the T.  
**talk** Don't t. to me about life  
 easy to t.  
 English how to t.  
 fun of t.  
 If my jeans could t.  
 may t. like an idiot  
 - Men t. to women so  
 not t. about it  
 people don't t.  
 People don't t. in Paris  
 rot the dead t.  
 t. about it for 20 minutes  
 t. like a lady  
 T. low
- SELF-KNOWLEDGE 10  
 MEMBERS 5  
 BETTING 10  
 ADVERTISING 8  
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 SPORTS 28  
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 COUNTRIES 26  
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 FAMILY LIFE 7  
 LIFE 1  
 EATING 7  
 CONVERSATION 30  
 CONVERSATION 9  
 DRESS 1  
 FOOLISHNESS 7  
 MEN AND WOMEN 37  
 ACTING 36  
 CONVERSATION 29  
 TOWNS 9  
 PARANORMAL 2  
 FOOTBALL 3  
 CLASS 20  
 ACTING 34
- T. to the woman on your left  
 t. well but not too wisely  
 teach us to t. about  
 women do t. too much  
**talked** not being t. about  
**talking** doin' all the t.  
 opposite of t.  
 stop people t.  
 t. to someone like you  
 t. to Tallulah  
 until I finish t.  
 You t. to me?  
**talks** brilliant conversationalist is one who t.  
 if God t. to you  
 person who t.  
 t. good for a black guy  
 t. so fast  
 That money t. I'll not deny  
**tall** may be too t. for you  
 T. men come down  
**Tallulah** day away from T.  
 talking to T.  
 T. Bankhead barged  
 T. is always skating  
**tambourine** play the t.  
**tapeworm** man with a t.  
**Tardis** like Dr Who's T.  
**target** I've set myself a t.  
 painting a t.  
**tarragon** enough t. around  
**tart** absinthe makes the t. grow  
 large vegetarian t.  
 taken for a t.  
 t. who has finally married  
**tarts** t. in him  
**Tarzan** Me T.  
 playing like T.  
**taste** best t. that money can buy  
 better t. he displays  
 better than the t.  
 difference of t.  
 Ghastly good t.  
 own bad t.  
 person of low t.  
 society has had a t.  
 t. and humour  
 t. for the grandiose  
**tastes** t. were exactly like mine  
 t. were negative  
**tattoo** baby is like getting a t.  
**Taunton** T. is no longer a one-horse  
**tax** *Excise*. A hateful t.  
 pay our t. bill with a smile  
 slight t. increase cost you  
 soon be able to t. it  
 t. rich people  
 taxidermist and a t. collector  
**taxation** Logic and t.  
**taxes** death and t.  
 Death and t. and childbirth  
 pay more t., but the hospitals  
 They pay less t.
- MANNERS 12  
 PARTIES 14  
 BOOKS 17  
 WOMEN 2  
 GOSSIP 14  
 CONVERSATION 11  
 CONVERSATION 17  
 DEMOCRACY 1  
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 ACTING 9  
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 SCIENCE 1  
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 DIETS 10  
 SEX 66  
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 FILM 10  
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 ARCHITECTURE 3  
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 TAXES 7  
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 TAXES 2  
 TAXES 6  
 DEATH 35  
 TAXES 14  
 TAXES 8  
 DEATH 24  
 DEATH 37  
 FRANCE 15  
 WEALTH 8



**taxes** (cont.)

true...as t. is

your Queen has to pay t.

**taxi** empty t. arrived

I am going in a t.

look like a t.-cab

t. drivers and homosexuals

**taxidermist** t. takes only your skin**Tchaikovsky** If I play T.**tea** if this is t.

no Latin word for T.

t.'s out of the way

there ain't going to be no t.

When I makes t.

**teach** t. you how to swim

wants to t.

**teacher** music t. came twice a week

Success is a lousy t.

**teaches** He who cannot, t.**tea-girl** t.'s chance to kiss**team** simple t. talk

t. effort is a lot of people doing

**teams** both t. are wearing white**teapot** covering a t.

further than warming the t.

**tearless** developing a t. onion**tears** Today's t. are tomorrow's yawn**technological** Italians' t. contribution**teddy** t. bear to the nation**teenage** Gulf War was like t. sex

Living with a t. daughter

**teenager** as a t. you are at

invention of the t.

**teenagers** T. are God's punishment**teeth** Be true to your t.

dig our graves with our t.

everyone has perfect t.

play the guitar with your t.

taking out his false t.

we lose t.

women have fewer t.

**teetotaller** beer t.**telegram** t. from the mortuary**telekinesis** believe in t.**telephone** get up to answer the t.

girls I want t. numbers

hear his t. ring

no t. or wife

sole inspiration is a t. call

t. rings

your dreams, your t. number

**telephoned** t. a semicolon**telephones** Tudor monarchy with t.**television** be on t.

imitates bad t.

intelligent enough to watch t.

movie out of for t.

Norwegian t.

rich person on t.

T.? The word is half Greek

t. commercials

T. has brought back murder

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ROYALTY 21

PRIME MINISTERS 18

TRANSPORT 19

FILM STARS 9

AUSTRALIA 2

TAXES 14

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DRINK 39

LANGUAGES 4

DRINK 40

WRITERS 27

DRINK 27

FAMILY LIFE 10

EDUCATION 15

MUSICIANS 1

SUCCESS 8

EDUCATION 17

OFFICE LIFE 7

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OFFICE LIFE 9

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WAR 11

FAMILY LIFE 7

YOUTH 3

YOUTH 4

FAMILY LIFE 1

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APPEARANCE 17

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T. has proved that people

T. is for appearing on

T. is more

T. is simultaneously blamed

thinking man's t.

watching t. by candlelight

**Telford** T. is so dull**tell** always t. a Harvard man

How can they t.

never can t.

t. her she mustn't

T. me about yourself

those who cannot t.

**tells** it actually t. you something

t. you

**temper** never to lose me t.**temple** my t. needs redecorating

Shirley T. dolls

**temptation** Lead me not into t.

made liquor for t.

maximum of t.

resist everything except t.

**ten** every t. jokes

satisfied with t. Commandments

T. Commandments

**tendency** Marxist—of the Groucho t.**tennis** depressing thing about t.

first-class t. with imaginary balls

once beat my husband at t.

t. the McDonald's of sport

t. with the net down

**tenors** T. are usually short**tent** inside of a t.

inside the t. pissing out

**terrible** isn't life a t. thing

t. football club

T. Vaudeville

**terrier** Aberdeen t. gave me**terror** even t. of their lives

moments of stark t.

new t. to life

t. to death

**test** infallible t.**testicles** t. is besticles**testing** animal t. is a terrible idea**testosterone** t. is**Texas** good enough for T.**Thames** walking over the T.**thank** would like to t. Beethoven**thankful** t. ye're no married to her**thanks** t. are also due**that** wish I'd done t.**Thatcher** Mrs T. tells us she has

Mrs T. were run over

**thcream** t. and thcream**theatre** Anyone can do t.

difficulty about a t. job

name of my beautiful t.

regret in the t.

Welcome to the T.

**theologians** t. and waiters**theory** Wonderful t., wrong species**therapy** more a t. than a sport

TELEVISION 12

TELEVISION 7

TELEVISION 5

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SEX 43

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POETRY 14

BORES 14

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APPEARANCE 20

MEN AND WOMEN 19

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MARRIAGE 65

VIRTUE 23

HUMOUR 20

PRESIDENTS 6

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BIOGRAPHY 8

GOLF 11

WIT 36

ANIMALS 5

BODY 33

LANGUAGES 7

PRIME MINISTERS 37

MUSIC 50

WIVES 2

BOOKS 18

DRUNKENNESS 5

GIFTS 4

TRANSPORT 4

CHILDREN 9

THEATRE 11

THEATRE 17

THEATRE 29

ACTORS 2

THEATRE 1

COUNTRIES 31

POLITICS 54

CRICKET 16



<b>thermometers</b> rectal t. are still	MEDICINE 12	<b>ticket</b> t. to the freak show	AMERICA 5
<b>thick</b> lay it on so t.	PRAISE 2	<b>tide</b> rose and fell with the t.	FOOD 12
She had very t. ankles	MURDER 10	<b>tie</b> discouraging t.	DRESS 14
till I'm t.	CHILDREN 9	rebellion was to have my t. loose	DRESS 8
<b>thicker</b> History gets t.	HISTORY 19	<b>ties</b> buys his t.	DRESS 4
<b>thief</b> take a t.	CRIME 25	forgotten who t. up whom	SEX 62
<b>thieves</b> T. respect property	CRIME 8	<b>tiger</b> one poor t.	ANIMALS 27
<b>thin</b> moral, tanned and t.	HOLLYWOOD 17	smile on the face of the t.	ANIMALS 3
t. one is wildly signalling	BODY 6	T. fierce	EPITAPHS 2
t. person screaming to get out	APPEARANCE 22	t. in her bed	WOMEN 20
You die t.	DIETS 5	T. well repay	ANIMALS 6
<b>think</b> I don't like composers who t.	MUSIC 15	<b>tigerskin</b> On a t.	SEX 11
not so t. as you drunk	DRUNKENNESS 10	<b>tight</b> Never get t., and—advertise	BUSINESS 2
t. and hit	BASEBALL 2	<b>tiling</b> bit like t. bathrooms	LIES 6
t. of yourself one way	BODY 17	<b>Timbuctoo</b> On the plains of T.	ANIMALS 30
t. that we think	MIND 4	<b>time</b> been around a long t.	HISTORY 11
tongue of the T. Tanks	LANGUAGES 3	breakfast any t.	RESTAURANTS 10
you can't make her t.	PUNS 10	divorced at the same t.	DIVORCE 7
You might very well t. that	COMEDY ROUTINES 47	don't have t. for all that	PHILOSOPHY 3
<b>thinking</b> All t. for themselves	MEMBERS 7	expands to fill the t.	HOME 3
effort to prevent oneself t.	LIFE 18	in boy t. that meant Thursday	ROMANCE 4
Every t. man	POLITICIANS 1	It saves t.	MANNERS 7
every t. person will be voting	POLITICS 50	I was on t.	MEMORY 2
it saves original t.	QUOTATIONS 11	know when I am having a good t.	DRINK 4
t. it over	MONEY 6	no t. in reading	WIT 14
t. man's crumpet	PEOPLE 20	original good t.	INSULTS 54
t. man's television	SEX 43	spend more t. with me	FAMILY 22
With the thoughts I'd be t.	INTELLIGENCE 9	That passed the t.	TIME 8
<b>thinks</b> he t. he knows everything	POLITICS 46	t. for senseless bickering	ANGER 5
Sometimes I sits and t.	PHILOSOPHY 9	T. is an illusion	TIME 2
t. he's God Almighty	PEOPLE 14	T. spent on any item	TIME 15
t. like a man	WOMEN 6	t. to cultivate modesty	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 19
writes badly t. badly	WRITING 7	t. we waste in yawning	BORES 13
<b>third</b> t. of my life	MIDDLE AGE 2	twice as much t.	CHILDREN 31
<b>thirst</b> t. at a wine-tasting	EXAMINATIONS 2	unconscionable t. dying	LAST WORDS 1
<b>thirsty</b> blood and t.	FILM 6	What's the bleeding t.	MEDICINE 16
<b>thirteen</b> Only about t. in a bed	SEX 32	will be on t.	ARMED FORCES 5
<b>thirties</b> men in their t.	MEN 19	You took your t.	MEN AND WOMEN 63
<b>thirty</b> T. days have September	POETRY 14	<b>timely</b> by a t. compliance	SEX 39
<b>thirty-five</b> remained t. for years	MIDDLE AGE 13	<b>times</b> always been t. like these	PAST 12
<b>thought</b> not what you t.	HISTORY 13	bad times just t.	HOPE 2
some people get lost in t.	IDEAS 2	<b>tinkering</b> first rule of intelligent t.	TECHNOLOGY 5
t. of an unparalleled confusion	WRITERS 26	<b>Tin Man</b> T. down below	SICKNESS 14
t. of the answer	FILM PRODUCERS 9	<b>tinned</b> t. food is just for crackheads	FOOD 5
<b>thoughtful</b> way of being t. without	GIFTS 2	<b>tinsel</b> Behind the phoney t.	HOLLYWOOD 12
<b>thousand</b> If I had five t. a year	VIRTUE 17	<b>tip</b> still have one left for the t.	DEFINITIONS 5
<b>threat</b> t. of a woman	CHILDREN 11	<b>tiptoe</b> stand on t.	EXERCISE 3
<b>three</b> breakfast t. times	FOOD 41	<b>tire</b> t. of a lecture	ACADEMIC 9
t. o'clock in New York	TOWNS 23	<b>tired</b> always was t.	EPITAPHS 3
t.-pipe problem	CRIME 14	go home when you're t.	LIFESTYLE 1
T. in one, one in three	RELIGION 6	has always t. me	ART 5
<b>thriller</b> t., a chilla, and a killa	BOXING 2	resembles being too t.	OLD AGE 19
<b>throat</b> sore t. during my most prolific	POETS 9	they'll be bloody t.	CRICKET 14
<b>throne</b> bolster behind the t.	ROYALTY 34	t. of London	TOWNS 18
highest t. in the world	SUCCESS 19	<b>tiring</b> Shakespeare is so t.	ACTING 17
<b>through</b> do you read books t.	READING 5	<b>title</b> longer the t. the less important	BUSINESS 15
<b>throw</b> t. him back	MEN AND WOMEN 2	No need to change t.	PUBLISHING 8
to t. at a noisy cat	BOOKS 24	t. is really rather	ARISTOCRACY 10
<b>thrown</b> should be t.	BOOKS 14	<b>titles</b> that of the rich for t.	SNOBBERY 16
then t. out	COOKERY 16	<b>tits</b> see your t. from here	COMEBACKS 3
<b>thumb</b> stood out like a sore t.	LANGUAGE 13	<b>titter</b> t. ye not	COMEDY ROUTINES 31
<b>thunderstorm</b> compulsory, like a t.	CHRISTMAS 7	<b>toast</b> had a piece of t.	MISTAKES 26
<b>Thursdays</b> get the hang of T.	TIME 1	propose a t. to the sports writers	SPEECHES 27



**toast** (cont.)

t. of two continents	PEOPLE	22	<b>town</b> dad was the t. drunk	DRUNKENNESS	15
<b>toaster</b> t. works on either AC	TECHNOLOGY	12	man made the t.	NATURE	7
<b>tobacco</b> no time for t. since	KISSING	9	studies it in t.	NATURE	6
<b>today</b> feel like doing t.	WORK	14	<b>toy</b> not a plaything, you're a war t.	FEMINISM	8
get where I am t.	COMEDY ROUTINES	16	<b>toyshop</b> verandah over the t.	BODY	1
<b>toenail</b> from an ingrowing t.	CHILDREN	36	<b>trace</b> Frost has risen without t.	SUCCESS	21
<b>toe-nails</b> cutting your sweetheart's t.	LOVE	3	<b>trade</b> autocrat: that's my t.	ROYALTY	7
<b>toes</b> lick your lacquered t.	ROYALTY	6	isn't any T.	GOVERNMENT	10
makes sensitive t.	DRESS	17	it is His t.	GOD	27
<b>toff</b> I saunter along like a t.	SOCIETY	6	<b>tradesmen</b> bow, ye t.	CLASS	10
<b>toffee</b> she's chewing a t.	ART	26	<b>tradition</b> their oldest t.	AMERICA	23
<b>together</b> all in this t.—by ourselves	LIFE	36	<b>traditionalist</b> I was very much the t.	ROMANCE	3
we will depart t.	LAST WORDS	12	<b>traffic</b> But the t. light was not	TRANSPORT	11
<b>toilet</b> order T. PAPER	HOME	2	t. lights are instructions	DRIVING	9
tear the t. paper	FRANCE	16	You're not stuck in t.	DRIVING	2
wearing an onyx t. seat	NEWSPAPERS	18	<b>tragedies</b> two t. in life	HAPPINESS	13
<b>toilets</b> you get if you clean the t.	AWARDS	13	with the t. of antiquity	LITERATURE	27
<b>told</b> I t. you so	LANGUAGE	19	<b>tragedy</b> nearly became the t.	THEATRE	30
I t. you so	MISTAKES	10	simply a t.	SOCIETY	12
t. you I was ill	EPITAPHS	18	That is their t.	PARENTS	18
<b>tolerance</b> T. is only another name	PREJUDICE	12	write you a t.	HEROES	1
T. the essential	MARRIAGE	57	<b>tragic</b> acted so t.	ACTING	14
<b>tolerant</b> being t. for nothing	PREJUDICE	5	<b>tragical</b> t.-comical-historical	ACTING	28
<b>Tom</b> Every T., Dick and Harry	NAMES	11	<b>train</b> biggest electric t. set	HOLLYWOOD	22
<b>tomato</b> knowing a t. is a fruit	DEFINITIONS	6	miss the t. before	TRANSPORT	5
<b>tomatoes</b> good t. were wasted	POLITICS	14	moving t. needs	ART	38
tie their t. on	AUDIENCES	3	oncoming t.	BETTING	3
<b>tomb</b> gilded t.	BOOKS	20	shaves and takes a t.	TRANSPORT	21
<b>tombstone</b> t. to be blank	EPITAPHS	23	to read in the t.	DIARIES	6
<b>tomorrow</b> find God by t.	GOD	29	t. going into a tunnel	HUMOUR	26
jam t.	PAST	8	<b>training</b> wonderful t. for girls	DANCE	7
know t. why the things	ECONOMICS	15	<b>trains</b> t. in last year's Bradshaw	GOVERNMENT	18
T. every Duchess in London	PRIME MINISTERS	31	<b>tram</b> I'm a t.	TRANSPORT	12
t. we shall die	DEATH	42	<b>tranquillity</b> remembered in t.	HUMOUR	22
<b>tone</b> in that t. of voice	INSULTS	43	<b>transcendental</b> t. meditation with	FISHING	2
<b>tongs</b> t. and the bones	MUSIC	46	<b>transition</b> t. from Who's Who	RETIREMENT	3
<b>tongue</b> lawyer's t.	ART	12	<b>translated</b> t. into Italian	LANGUAGES	23
sharpen my t.	WIT	28	<b>translation</b> Browning's t.	CRITICS	43
<b>tonic</b> wicked as a ginless t.	POETS	3	mistake in the t.	MORALITY	18
<b>tonight</b> comedy t.	THEATRE	28	Perhaps we could have a t.	LANGUAGES	12
Not t., Josephine	SEX	60	<b>translations</b> T. (like wives)	WIVES	4
<b>tool</b> t. is mightier far than the pen	CRITICS	46	<b>transplanted</b> organs have been t.	MEDICINE	18
<b>toothache</b> except poverty and t.	LOVE	30	<b>transsexuals</b> aspiring male t.	WOMEN	24
Music helps not the t.	MUSIC	20	<b>trap</b> Meetings are a great t.	MANAGEMENT	3
<b>toothaches</b> underrates t.	INTELLIGENCE	12	<b>trashman</b> t. and the policeman	INSULTS	31
<b>toothpaste</b> t. is out of the tube	SECRECY	5	<b>travel</b> Englishman does not t.	ENGLAND	38
<b>top</b> always room at the t.	AMBITION	11	never t. without	DIARIES	6
was in the t. one	SELF-KNOWLEDGE	7	t. broadens the behind	TRAVEL	13
<b>topless</b> Headless Body in T. Bar	HEADLINES	1	t. broadens the mind	TRAVEL	9
<b>Tories</b> are T. born wicked	POLITICAL PARTIES	1	t. I'm too late	TIME	16
<b>Toronto</b> T. is a kind	TOWNS	30	two classes of t.	TRAVEL	2
<b>Torquay</b> T. bedroom window	HOLIDAYS	2	Why do the wrong people t.	TRAVEL	10
<b>tortoise</b> giant t. is 120 years old	EXERCISE	13	<b>travelled</b> which way he t.	PRIME MINISTERS	6
much-loved family t.	SPEECHES	17	<b>travelling</b> easier to find a t. companion	TRAVEL	3
<b>Tory</b> not always be a T.	GOD	13	T. Swede	COUNTRIES	7
T. Party only panics	POLITICAL PARTIES	10	<b>trawler</b> When seagulls follow a t.	NEWSPAPERS	10
<b>tossed</b> t. aside lightly	BOOKS	14	<b>tread</b> t. by chance upon a worm	ANIMALS	25
<b>totter</b> t. into vogue	FASHION	23	<b>treason</b> [T.], Sire, is a question	TRUST	8
t. towards the tomb	OLD AGE	27	t. to his country	TRUST	4
<b>touch</b> keeping me in t.	PARENTS	2	word t. to me means nothing	TRUST	1
<b>tour</b> don't go on a world t.	COUNTRIES	13	<b>treated</b> t. me very well	SATISFACTION	2
<b>towel</b> duchess in a bath t.	ARISTOCRACY	7	<b>tree</b> ability to climb a t.	MIND	2
			barking up the wrong t.	CRITICS	18



billboard lovely as a t.	ADVERTISING 6	T. is no more at issue	EXAMINATIONS 2
sit under a t.	TRAVEL 22	T. is suppressed	SECRECY 6
t. which moves some to tears	NATURE 4	wedded to the t.	GOVERNMENT 24
<b>trees</b> birds coughing in the t.	HOLLYWOOD 8	<b>try</b> if you t. it for a while	CONVERSATION 18
T. in the orchard	NATURE 9	lesson is, never t.	FAILURE 6
<b>trembles</b> list of their names, he t.	WAR 25	t. again. Then quit	FAILURE 5
<b>trench</b> like t. warfare	PRESIDENTS 19	t. anything once	WIT 8
<b>triangle</b> idea for a new t.	IDEAS 1	t. him afterwards	LAW 20
possible exception of the t.	MUSIC 37	<b>trying</b> business without really t.	SUCCESS 16
<b>triangles</b> loved in t.	WRITERS 2	I am t. to be	INSULTS 47
<b>trickle</b> T.-down theory	ECONOMICS 7	<b>tsar</b> T. of all the rushes	FILM PRODUCERS 12
<b>tried</b> pick the one I never t.	VIRTUE 20	<b>tub</b> got his t.	TENNIS 7
<b>trinity</b> hazy about the T.	RELIGION 6	<b>tuba</b> t. is certainly the most	MUSIC 14
<b>trip</b> look forward to the t.	DIPLOMACY 15	<b>tubby</b> Grows t. without exercise	EXERCISE 7
t. is what you take when	TRAVEL 1	<b>tube</b> toothpaste is out of the t.	SECRECY 5
<b>tripping</b> front of her, t. her up	MEN AND WOMEN 48	<b>Tudor</b> only T. that we mock	ARCHITECTURE 8
<b>trisexual</b> I am t.	WIT 22	US presidency is a T. monarchy	PRESIDENTS 4
I'm a t.	WIT 8	<b>Tuesday</b> If it's T.	TRAVEL 27
<b>triste</b> jamais t.	HOPE 6	<b>tune</b> keep thinkin'll turn into a t.	MUSIC 21
<b>triumph</b> t. of the embalmer's art	PRESIDENTS 27	<b>tunes</b> I only know two t.	MUSIC 19
<b>trivial</b> diversion of t. men	POLITICS 35	<b>tunnel</b> at the end of the t.	BETTING 3
Nothing t., I hope	SICKNESS 11	train going into a t.	HUMOUR 26
<b>Trojan</b> T. 'orses will jump out	DIPLOMACY 1	<b>turd</b> rhyming is nat worth a t.	POETRY 5
<b>trouble</b> mother had a good deal of t.	MOTHERS 5	<b>turkeys</b> nice to yu t. dis christmas	CHRISTMAS 11
said for inviting t.	LIFE 24	surrounded by t.	SUCCESS 22
t. with being best man	WEDDINGS 8	<b>turn</b> his t. next	CONVERSATION 12
t. with words	WORDS 17	<b>turned</b> anything t. up	HOPE 3
when you're in t.	HOLLYWOOD 9	<b>turning</b> lady's not for t.	WIT 51
women and care and t.	WOMEN 40	<b>turnip</b> candle in that great t.	PRIME MINISTERS 17
<b>troubles</b> over all its t.	HOME 14	<b>turn-ups</b> t. on his underpants	BODY 7
<b>trousers</b> best t. on	DRESS 6	<b>turtle</b> t. lives	ANIMALS 22
I wear the t.	HOME 22	<b>Tutankhamun</b> T.'s tomb	COLOURS 1
I wear the t.	MARRIAGE 72	<b>TV</b> hadn't danced on T.	EATING 4
just to hold your t. up	PUBLISHING 12	T. is bigger than your bookcase	CLASS 3
look—at my t.	APOLOGY 1	<b>Twain</b> T. was a mop-headed male	WRITERS 8
my t. fell down	FACES 9	<b>tweed</b> t. nightgowns	ENGLAND 17
<b>trout</b> find a t. in the milk	LAW 24	wear linen with t.	ENGLAND 24
t. know that I exist	GOD 18	<b>tweet</b> Why would I t. when	MODERN LIFE 9
<b>trowel</b> lay it on with a t.	ROYALTY 13	<b>twenty</b> t. again—but with arthritis	AGE 21
reach of a t.	ARCHITECTURE 14	t. goes into eighty	AGE 15
<b>truck</b> apologizes to the t.	ENGLAND 26	you're t. minutes	CHARACTER 22
<b>truckman</b> t., the trashman	INSULTS 31	<b>twenty-twenty</b> Hindsight is always t.	PAST 20
<b>Trudeau</b> T., Canada has at last	CANADA 7	<b>twice</b> nothing happens, t.	THEATRE 22
<b>true</b> entirely t.	GOSSIP 13	so good they named it t.	TOWNS 19
story because it is t.	TRUTH 6	t. as much husband	RETIREMENT 1
what people say of us is t.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 20	t. as well as men	MEN AND WOMEN 60
<b>truer</b> nothing's t. than them	TAXES 4	<b>twins</b> Clara threw the t.	CHILDREN 13
<b>trumpets</b> to the sound of t.	HEAVEN 5	<b>twisted</b> T., cold and sharp	CHARACTER 12
<b>trust</b> t. goes out of a relationship	RELATIONSHIPS 3	t. imagination	ART 16
T. your husband	HUSBANDS 26	<b>two</b> are there t. nine o'clocks	TIME 6
<b>trusted</b> is not to be t.	PRESIDENTS 2	at t. with nature	NATURE 1
<b>trusting</b> t. in the Lord	LAWYERS 7	can't get t. on a sunbed	PEOPLE 31
<b>truth</b> anxious to tell the t.	TRUTH 4	If I were t.-faced	HYPOCRISY 6
ask for t.	ART 36	make only t. people miserable	MARRIAGE 10
best policy to speak the t.	TRUTH 5	starts with the number t.	SNOBBERY 19
I just tell the t.	TRUTH 7	t. men to write one song	SONGS 9
stumbled over the t.	PRIME MINISTERS 16	t. things that will be	DRINK 49
telling the t. about them	POLITICAL PARTIES 13	wanna go for t.	CRIME 3
Too much t.	TRUTH 1	<b>typewriter</b> changing a t. ribbon	WRITING 4
t. about other people	AUTOBIOGRAPHY 5	<b>typewriting</b> t. machine, when played	MUSIC 51
t. at last	EPITAPHS 15	<b>typing</b> isn't writing, it's t.	WRITERS 11
t. is always strange	TRUTH 2	<b>tyranny</b> if you really want to end t.	PRESIDENTS 5
t. is rarely pure	TRUTH 9	<b>ubiquitous</b> by being at any rate u.	INTELLIGENCE 6



<b>uglier</b> u. a man's legs are	GOLF 9	<b>ungrammatical</b> invariably u.	LANGUAGE 22
<b>ugly</b> Bessie, you're u.	COMEBACKS 5	<b>unhappily</b> result of being u. married	POLITICS 39
Frazier is so u.	FACES 1	<b>unhappy</b> instinct for being u.	HAPPINESS 11
I was so u.	APPEARANCE 28	Men who are u.	HAPPINESS 10
knowing that he is u.	JUDGES 4	u. family	FAMILY 33
not absolutely u. thinks herself	BEAUTY 2	<b>uniform</b> u. must work its way	WOMEN 9
show business for u. people	POLITICS 25	<b>uninspiring</b> I may be u.	ROYALTY 20
than to be u.	BEAUTY 9	<b>uninvited</b> sits down u.	LIFE 20
<b>ukelele</b> died playing the u.	EPITAPHS 14	<b>unique</b> conscious of being u.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 24
<b>ulterior</b> look for the U. motive	PREJUDICE 14	<b>universe</b> better ordering of the u.	UNIVERSE 1
<b>Ulysses</b> Joist wrote U.	WIT 5	good u. next door	UNIVERSE 4
kiss the hand that wrote U.	WRITERS 25	imagine the u. run	GOD 34
<b>umble</b> so very 'u.	HYPOCRISY 3	u. and human stupidity	FOOLISHNESS 4
<b>umbrella</b> lend you an u. in fair	MONEY 16	u. is not only queerer	UNIVERSE 5
unjust steals the just's u.	VIRTUE 4	<b>unkind</b> witty, u. things	FOOLISHNESS 1
<b>umbrellas</b> who possess u.	LIFE 15	<b>unknowable</b> decide the u.	LAW 29
<b>unbearable</b> in victory u.	PEOPLE 7	<b>unknown</b> buried the U. Prime Minister	
<b>unbeatable</b> In defeat u.	PEOPLE 7		PRIME MINISTERS 2
<b>unbribed</b> man will do u.	NEWSPAPERS 46	known and the u.	PARANORMAL 7
<b>uncle</b> Call U. Teddy	PRESIDENTS 16	something equally u.	DICTIONARIES 8
obliged to call him U.	CLERGY 1	<b>unknowns</b> also unknown u.	IGNORANCE 5
u. who lives there	FAMILY 30	<b>unlike</b> So u. anything else	LIFE 37
<b>uncles</b> wronged u.	FAMILY 40	<b>unlucky</b> so u. that he runs into	MISTAKES 24
<b>uncomfortable</b> he is only u.	ENGLAND 33	<b>unmarried</b> keep u. as long as	MARRIAGE 64
<b>unconscionable</b> u. time dying	LAST WORDS 1	<b>unnatural</b> u. act	COMEDY 2
<b>uncooked</b> birds fly about u.	NATURE 14	<b>unnoticed</b> all your best work go u.	SECRECY 2
<b>uncouth</b> Is u.	TRUTH 1	<b>unpardonable</b> one u. sin	SUCCESS 3
<b>under</b> have been u. the host	DRUNKENNESS 9	<b>unplayable</b> another u. work	MUSIC 44
<b>underachiever</b> he's an u.	GOD 1	<b>unpleasant</b> something u. is coming	TRUTH 4
<b>underdeveloped</b> u. the country	WOMEN 13	thing is u.	ENGLAND 23
<b>underestimate</b> u. them	FOOTBALL 19	<b>unravels</b> History u. gently	HISTORY 11
<b>underestimating</b> money by u.	INTELLIGENCE 13	<b>unreadable</b> Journalism is u.	NEWSPAPERS 44
<b>underpants</b> wears his u. on his head	LANGUAGE 16	<b>unreliable</b> death is u.	DEATH 9
<b>undersexed</b> happy u. celibate	SEX 31	penis to be a most u.	SEX 18
<b>undersized</b> could call the u.	MEN AND WOMEN 49	<b>unremitting</b> u. humanity	WRITERS 4
<b>understand</b> God doesn't seem to u.	WRITING 10	<b>unrequited</b> u. affection	BODY 9
liberals can u. everything but	POLITICS 7	<b>unsatisfactory</b> Most u.	TAXES 5
u. English	LANGUAGES 2	<b>unsatisfied</b> leaves one u.	HAPPINESS 16
u. what you're saying	ACTING 20	<b>unsorted</b> u. stuff comes flying out	SLEEP 2
<b>understanding</b> pass all u.	POETS 10	<b>unsound</b> He is fundamentally u.	PHILOSOPHY 16
salary depends on not u.	MANAGEMENT 7	<b>unspeakable</b> u. in full pursuit	SPORTS 35
u. all the ins	BODY 31	<b>unsportsmanlike</b> u. to hit a sitting ball	GOLF 6
<b>undertakers</b> nothing against u.	FUNERALS 7	<b>untrue</b> something that is u.	LIES 10
<b>undertaking</b> u. of Great Advantage	SECRECY 1	u. to his wife	INTELLIGENCE 3
<b>underwater</b> German spoken u.	LANGUAGES 1	<b>untrustworthy</b> publishers are u.	PUBLISHING 13
only funny u.	RELIGION 59	<b>untruthful</b> U.! My nephew	LIES 11
<b>underwear</b> always wear completely clean u.		<b>unupblown</b> NURSE u.	TELEGRAMS 17
	ADVICE 12	<b>unwanted</b> u. baby when I saw	FAMILY LIFE 11
dad's name all over his u.	FASHION 10	<b>unwatched</b> u. pot boils immediately	COOKERY 12
grey around the u. region	BRITISH 3	<b>up</b> curtain was u.	CRITICS 28
same thing from their u.	MEN AND WOMEN 50	don't like it u. 'em	COMEDY ROUTINES 41
Wearing u. is as formal	FASHION 9	English u. with which	LANGUAGE 5
<b>undone</b> Anne Donne, U.	FAMILY 11	nice to people on your way u.	SUCCESS 18
<b>undressing</b> u. him with your eyes	DATING 2	when they were u.	DRESS 12
<b>uneatable</b> pursuit of the u.	SPORTS 35	<b>upgrades</b> u. despair	MONEY 20
<b>uneducated</b> by the u.	GOVERNMENT 3	<b>upholstered</b> dressed as richly u.	APPEARANCE 5
<b>unemployed</b> jester u. is nobody's fool	PUNS 8	<b>uplands</b> Give them broad sunlit u.	POLITICS 31
<b>unemployment</b> long stretch of u.	THEATRE 31	<b>upper classes</b> danger to the u.	EDUCATION 23
<b>un-English</b> so very u.	ART 2	u. Have still	ARISTOCRACY 2
<b>unexpectedness</b> I call u.	GARDENS 5	<b>upright</b> that is u.	ART 40
<b>unfair</b> It's sooo u.	COMEDY ROUTINES 25	<b>uproar</b> u. of the butterflies	GOLF 10
<b>unfit</b> u. for military service	ARMED FORCES 12	<b>upside</b> secret u. of death	HAIR 4
<b>unfurnished</b> write u.	FOOLISHNESS 11	turned u. down	PAST 4



<b>upstage</b> Stand u. of me	THEATRE 21	<b>vertical</b> v. man	SEX 13
<b>upstaged</b> u. by your nipples	BODY 25	<b>vessel</b> v. with the pestle	WIT 34
<b>upstairs</b> u. into the world	CLASS 5	<b>vestry</b> in the v. after service	DATING 13
went u. with Margery	DRINK 5	<b>vexation</b> Multiplication is v.	SCIENCE 2
<b>upwards</b> if your car could go straight u.	UNIVERSE 6	save you a lot of v.	MARRIAGE 50
<b>Urals</b> swept down from the U.	TOWNS 14	<b>vibrator</b> invent a v.	MEN AND WOMEN 20
<b>urinal</b> always take place in the u.	SECRECY 3	<b>vicar</b> Evangelical v.	CLERGY 9
<b>use</b> u. of my body	BODY 3	<b>vicars</b> v. off the incense	CLERGY 16
<b>used</b> get u. to virtually anything	HUMAN RACE 4	<b>vice</b> v. and religion	ENGLAND 37
It is what it u. to be	OPERA 3	<b>vices</b> Rears and V.	ARMED FORCES 2
<b>useful</b> trying to become u.	GOVERNMENT 30	none of the v. I admire	PEOPLE 9
<b>useless</b> u. when inert	CENSORSHIP 4	<b>vichyssoise</b> v. of nations	CANADA 6
<b>using</b> We aren't u. it	GOVERNMENT 16	<b>vicious</b> expect a boy to be v.	EDUCATION 14
<b>vacancy</b> you create a job v.	WIVES 8	<b>Victorian</b> passed the V. Era	CENSORSHIP 11
<b>vacation</b> not more v. we need	WORK 17	V. Varicose	ARCHITECTURE 12
<b>vacations</b> take separate v.	MARRIAGE 27	<b>Victorians</b> in favour of the V.	ARCHITECTURE 14
<b>vacuum</b> v. is a hell of a lot better	NATURE 23	<b>victory</b> In v., you deserve Champagne	CHAMPAGNE 1
<b>vaguely</b> v. right than exactly wrong	PHILOSOPHY 10	<b>video</b> knows how to work the v.	ROYALTY 18
<b>vain</b> If a man is v., flatter	PRAISE 3	<b>Vietnam</b> brought peace to V.	DIPLOMACY 4
Most people are v.	WRITERS 13	V. without the mosquitoes	WAR 14
Pavarotti is not v.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 24	<b>view</b> you get a v.	AMERICA 4
You're so v.	SELF-KNOWLEDGE 18	<b>Vinci</b> They spell it V.	LANGUAGES 21
<b>valet</b> unnerved by Banquo's v.	ACTORS 4	<b>vinegar</b> life of v.	MARRIAGE 9
<b>Valium</b> baseball on v.	CRICKET 18	<b>vines</b> client to plant v.	ARCHITECTURE 15
confused her V. with	MEDICINE 29	<b>vintage</b> v. that starts with	SNOBBERY 19
<b>value</b> learn the little v. of fortune	WEALTH 21	<b>violation</b> v. of a city ordinance	OLD AGE 21
v. of nothing	CHARACTER 20	<b>violence</b> extreme v.	FOOTBALL 7
V. is what you get	BUSINESS 6	lead to acts of v.	EDUCATION 23
<b>van</b> Rip-V.-With-It	NAMES 7	Snobbery with V.	SNOBBERY 4
<b>Vanbrugh</b> V.'s house of clay	EPITAPHS 10	using v.	CRIME 24
<b>Van Gogh</b> V.'s ear for music	MUSIC 53	v. punctuated by committee meetings	SPORTS 36
<b>vanity</b> arrogance, v. and vapidty	HISTORY 17	<b>violent</b> usually v.	ENGLAND 39
Being an MP feeds your v.	MEMBERS 9	<b>violin</b> v. is wood and catgut	FOOTBALL 18
often means v.	APPEARANCE 2	<b>virgin</b> do like a v. is give birth	INSULTS 35
<b>vapidity</b> arrogance, vanity and v.	HISTORY 17	Doris Day before she was a v.	SEX 54
<b>varicose</b> Victorian V.	ARCHITECTURE 12	<b>virginity</b> just a little more v.	ACTING 32
<b>vase</b> v. in the hands of a chimpanzee	WRITERS 39	No, no; for my v.	WIT 37
<b>VAT</b> doing your V. return	TAXES 11	<b>virgins</b> promised 72 v. in paradise	MODERN LIFE 7
forty-nine plus V.	MIDDLE AGE 4	<b>virile</b> plenty of v. young men	DIETS 4
<b>Vatican</b> V. is against surrogate mothers	RELIGION 10	<b>virility</b> if it confirms their v.	PRAISE 9
<b>vaudeville</b> Terrible V.	TELEVISION 1	<b>virtue</b> disguised as a v.	HOPE 1
<b>veal</b> cold boiled v.	ENEMIES 5	distinction between v. and vice	VIRTUE 12
condemned v.	ACTING 4	pay to V.	HYPOCRISY 2
<b>vegetable</b> passion of a v. fashion	ART 14	what v. is to a lady	NEWSPAPERS 38
v., animal	ARMED FORCES 10	<b>virtues</b> all the . I dislike	PEOPLE 9
v. with looks and money	FOOD 47	<b>virtues</b> other people's secret v.	GOSSIP 9
<b>vegetables</b> And the v.?	FOOD 3	<b>virtuous</b> because thou art v.	MORALITY 14
<b>vegetarian</b> Atheist and a V.	RELIGION 58	Most plain girls are v.	VIRTUE 1
large v. tart	DIETS 10	<b>visa</b> it's not, it's a v.	BEAUTY 1
<b>vegetarianism</b> V. is harmless enough	FOOD 30	<b>visit</b> It was a delightful v.	SOCIETY 1
<b>vending</b> except from a v. machine	MODERN LIFE 5	purpose of v.	BUREAUCRACY 7
<b>Venice</b> how different it was from V.	TOWNS 3	<b>vocabulary</b> It shows a lack of v.	LANGUAGE 2
V. is like eating an entire box	TOWNS 7	<b>vocation</b> it is more v.	WORK 17
<b>venom</b> pots of oily v.	GOSSIP 7	<b>vogue</b> he'd be working for V.	FASHION 21
<b>Venus</b> David Cameron is from V.	POLITICIANS 29	totter into v.	FASHION 23
<b>verandah</b> v. over the toy shop	BODY 1	<b>voice</b> gorgeous v.	ACTORS 16
<b>verb</b> Waiting for the German v.	LANGUAGES 15	in that tone of v.	INSULTS 43
<b>verbal</b> v. contract	BUSINESS 11	v. as icebergs might be	CONVERSATION 3
<b>verbosity</b> exuberance of his own v.	SPEECHES 9	<b>voices</b> v. of young people	YOUTH 7
<b>Versailles</b> V. of Los Angeles	HOLLYWOOD 18	<b>vole</b> passes the questing v.	LANGUAGE 21
<b>verse</b> all that is not v. is prose	POETRY 15	<b>voluntary</b> Enter the strumpet v.	WIT 53
I'd as soon write free v.	POETRY 10	<b>Volvo</b> Like a V., Borg is rugged	TENNIS 5
Who died to make v. free	POETRY 16		



<b>vomit</b> returning to one's own v.	DIARIES 3	<b>wallpaper</b> of the w.	DEATH 62
<b>vote</b> bring myself to v. for	POLITICIANS 35	<b>walnuts</b> condom full of w.	DESCRIPTION 10
never v. for	DEMOCRACY 4	<b>waltzes</b> w. like a Protestant curate	DANCE 8
v. against me	HOUSE OF LORDS 3	<b>want</b> probably won't w.	CHOICE 5
v. for the devil	DEMOCRACY 16	something they w.	FUNERALS 10
V. for the man who promises	POLITICS 4	<b>war</b> After each w. there is	WAR 5
v. just as their leaders tell 'em to	MEMBERS 8	Don't mention the w.	COUNTRIES 5
<b>voted</b> v. at my party's call	DEMOCRACY 6	except the British W. Office	ARMED FORCES 23
<b>voter</b> Every intelligent v.	POLITICIANS 1	give w. a chance	WAR 20
<b>votes</b> v. from the poor and	POLITICS 2	In w. you can only be killed once	POLITICS 12
<b>voting</b> every thinking person will be v. ~	POLITICS 50	It is the one w.	GENERATION GAP 3
If v. changed anything	POLITICS 26	never was a good w.	WAR 10
not the v. that's democracy	DEMOCRACY 13	not a plaything, you're a w. toy	FEMINISM 8
<b>vowels</b> scrabble with all the v. missing	MUSIC 17	prevent this w.	WAR 15
<b>vulgar</b> in the least bit v.	ACTORS 17	quickest way of ending a w.	WAR 21
let the v. stuff alone	LANGUAGES 4	w. where one sleeps	MARRIAGE 3
money-spending always v.	MONEY 17	<b>wardrobe</b> replace the w. lady	CINEMA 11
<b>vulgarity</b> accused of v.	MANNERS 5	W. malfunction	MISTAKES 31
v. is the garlic	MANNERS 9	<b>warm</b> Thank God for something w.	PARTIES 5
V. often cuts ice	SNOBBERY 3	w. hand on a cold morning	SPEECHES 16
<b>wag</b> can you w. your ears	INTELLIGENCE 4	<b>Warner</b> Working for W. Bros	HOLLYWOOD 15
<b>wages</b> suppose it's the w.	VIRTUE 8	<b>warning</b> be a horrible w.	LIFE 2
<b>Wagner</b> I love W.	MUSIC 7	hold yourself up as a w.	PARENTS 15
too much W.	MUSIC 2	<b>wartime</b> w. Minister	GOVERNMENT 5
W. has lovely moments	MUSIC 41	<b>warts</b> w., bad breath, wind	FEMINISM 6
W.'s music is better	MUSIC 35	<b>wash</b> I w. and iron them	HOME 22
<b>waist</b> narrow w.	MIDDLE AGE 5	I w. and iron them	MARRIAGE 72
<b>waistcoat</b> digest its w.	DRINK 46	I wish he would w.	ART 29
fourth w. button	BODY 18	<b>washers</b> NUT SCREWS W.	HEADLINES 6
<b>wait</b> DON'T W.	TELEGRAMS 18	<b>washing</b> doing the w.-up	FILM STARS 4
people who have to w.	MANNERS 18	w. has some	BRITISH 9
w. in the car	TIME 7	<b>Washington</b> want a friend in W.	POLITICIANS 34
<b>waiter</b> good head w.	PARTIES 9	<b>wasps</b> like crazed w. in a jam jar	POLITICIANS 18
inattentive w.	TOWNS 11	<b>waste</b> better to w. one's youth	YOUTH 1
nothing but a head-w.	DIPLOMACY 16	w. of human intelligence	SPORTS 13
"w." is such a funny word	RESTAURANTS 7	<b>wasted</b> good tomatoes were w.	POLITICS 14
<b>waiters</b> theologians and w.	COUNTRIES 31	rest I w.	WEALTH 3
<b>waiting</b> of talking is w.	CONVERSATION 17	Youth is w. on the young	YOUTH 5
put you on a w. list	MEDICINE 17	<b>waste-paper</b> file your w. basket	LIBRARIES 2
W. for the German verb	LANGUAGES 15	w. basket	CRITICS 6
We've been w. 700 years	TIME 10	<b>watch</b> and w. me	ACTORS 2
<b>Waitrose</b> keeps the riff-raff out of W.	SNOBBERY 13	done much better by a w.	TIME 9
<b>waits</b> endless w.	LOVE 20	For exercise, I wind my w.	EXERCISE 6
<b>wake</b> don't w. up for less	MONEY 12	my w. has stopped	DEATH 36
w. which knows no sleeping	IRELAND 4	w. a game	GOLF 5
<b>wakes</b> Wordsworth sometimes w.	POETS 1	W. THAT BASKET	BUSINESS 23
<b>Wales</b> influence of W.	WALES 5	why not carry a w.	TIME 19
whole world...But for W.	WALES 1	you look at your w.	OPERA 7
<b>walk</b> can w. to work	PRESIDENTS 15	<b>watches</b> looking at their w.	SPEECHES 3
good w. spoiled	GOLF 8	<b>water</b> don't care where the w. goes	WINE 2
I can w.	WEALTH 2	get in with no w. and just lie	CHRISTMAS 4
now that I can't w.	MORALITY 10	go in the w.	PREJUDICE 11
W. across my swimming pool	RELIGION 51	head below w.	SUCCESS 33
w. to the kerb	DRIVING 1	live on food and w.	DRINK 52
worship the ground you w. on	DATING 15	passed a lot of w. since then	TIME 13
<b>walking</b> act of w. round him	ART 5	put things in hot w.	COOKERY 1
started w. five miles a day	FAMILY 7	when I makes w.	DRINK 27
w. backwards for Christmas	CHRISTMAS 8	<b>waterbed</b> our w. Lake Placid	MARRIAGE 28
w. over the Thames	PRIME MINISTERS 37	<b>water cooler</b> sick behind the w.	OFFICE LIFE 6
w. the length and breadth	TRANSPORT 3	<b>watercress</b> w. sandwich	FOOD 66
<b>wall</b> fine up against a w.	PRAISE 1	<b>Watergate</b> learn from W.	GOVERNMENT 9
never be as good as a w.	TENNIS 4	<b>Waterloo</b> ancestors fell at W.	MISTAKES 32
<b>wallet</b> make sure it's not your w.	TOWNS 12	W.'s ensanguined plain	CRITICS 2



<b>wax</b> decided to get a bikini w. didn't w. his moustache	POLITICIANS 31 KISSING 4	<b>Weston</b> W.-Super-Mare	WIT 40
<b>way</b> have it your own w. having her own w. knows the w. not the w. I play it play it the company w. provided I get my own w. w. I do it	CERTAINTY 15 WIVES 10 CRITICS 42 BETTING 5 BUSINESS 14 SELF-KNOWLEDGE 23 FILM STARS 16	<b>wet</b> he's so w. out of these w. clothes w. and dirty from hunting w. mackintoshes W., she was a star	CHARACTER 13 DRINK 1 APPEARANCE 24 TRAVEL 28 FILM STARS 14
<b>ways</b> found 10,000 w. that won't work	FAILURE 4	<b>whacks</b> gave her mother forty w.	MURDER 1
<b>we</b> use the imperial 'w.'	LANGUAGE 12	<b>whale</b> Moby Dick the w. or the man screw the w.	LITERATURE 25 LANGUAGE 18
<b>weak</b> Like all w. men terribly w. natures	CERTAINTY 11 CHARACTER 21	<b>whales</b> W. only get killed	SPEECHES 25
<b>wealth</b> grateful for the blessings of w. w. of poverty	WEALTH 24 UNINTENDED 9	<b>wharf</b> sit on the w.	CERTAINTY 4
<b>weaned</b> w. on a pickle	DESCRIPTION 1	<b>what</b> know w.'s what W.'s on second	DICTIONARIES 9 COMEDY ROUTINES 40
<b>wear</b> such qualities as would w. well woman who has nothing to w.	WIVES 9 SUCCESS 5	<b>whatever</b> w. it is	ROYALTY 30
<b>wearing</b> w. armchairs	DESCRIPTION 17	<b>wheat</b> separate the w. sleep among the w.	NEWSPAPERS 17 COOKERY 7
<b>weasel</b> w. took the cork	DRINK 16	<b>wheel</b> he created the w. invented the w.	TECHNOLOGY 2 TECHNOLOGY 16
<b>weather</b> no such thing as bad w. put exclusive on the w. their first talk is of the w. w. is like the Government	WEATHER 4 NEWSPAPERS 27 WEATHER 7 WEATHER 6	<b>wheels</b> rolled along on w.	MEN AND WOMEN 26
<b>web</b> Now we have the World Wide W.	COMPUTERS 1	<b>when</b> forgotten to say 'W.!'	APPEARANCE 27
<b>Webster</b> Like W.'s Dictionary	DICTIONARIES 2	<b>where</b> at least I know w. he is w. is Beethoven w. is everybody	HUSBANDS 2 MUSIC 43 PARANORMAL 4
<b>wedded</b> I am w. to poverty I have w. fyve w. to the truth	POVERTY 11 HUSBANDS 12 GOVERNMENT 24	<b>whereabouts</b> conceal our w.	HOME 18
<b>wedding</b> as she did her w. gown Cinderella since the w. ice a w. cake sour note into a w. ceremony w. cake left out	WIVES 9 INSULTS 51 LIES 2 WEDDINGS 13 FACES 4	<b>which</b> W. is he playing now	ACTORS 25
<b>wedlock</b> in w. wake I was born in w.	MARRIAGE 58 HOPE 10	<b>whining</b> w. is acquired	LANGUAGE 1
<b>weds</b> Egghead w. hourglass	WEDDINGS 4	<b>whips</b> Like most Chief W.	GOVERNMENT 4
<b>week</b> had to die in my w. takes me as much as a w. than others can in a w. w. without a drink	DEATH 32 MIND 12 PARTIES 11 DRINK 30	<b>whisky</b> as a small w. cigarettes, w. and wild I'm on a w. diet two quarts of w. W. makes it go round	DRINK 21 LIFESTYLE 2 DIETS 3 DRUNKENNESS 4 DRINK 32
<b>weekend</b> w. in the country w. in the country	NATURE 9 NATURE 20	<b>whispered</b> w. everywhere	GOSSIP 1
<b>weekends</b> getting a plumber on w. spend their w. with spend their w. with	GOD 2 DATING 11 RELATIONSHIPS 13	<b>whispering</b> just w. in her mouth	KISSING 5
<b>weeks</b> open in two w.	ACTING 11	<b>whispers</b> doctor w. in the hospital	MEDICINE 32
<b>welcome</b> special w. to those W. the sixte W. to the Theatre	PARTIES 2 HUSBANDS 12 THEATRE 1	<b>Whistler</b> behave like W.'s Mother	DESCRIPTION 2
<b>well</b> doing w. that which I'm not feeling very w. myself that's as w. said	BUSINESS 25 LITERATURE 23 CONVERSATION 27	<b>whistling</b> w. half a dozen bars	ANGER 21
<b>well-bred</b> w. as if we had	MANNERS 8	<b>white</b> at a w. man both teams are wearing w. say this for the w. race she always goes into w. satin wears a w. suit all the time w. for pudding	BASEBALL 5 UNINTENDED 10 PREJUDICE 6 MENTAL HEALTH 10 DRESS 11 FOOD 7
<b>well-dressed</b> impossible to be w.	FASHION 1	<b>who</b> been in W.'s <i>Who</i> live in W.'s <i>Who</i> not w. you know W.'s on first W.'s <i>Who</i> to <i>Who's</i> He	DICTIONARIES 9 FAME 3 ADVICE 2 COMEDY ROUTINES 40 RETIREMENT 3
<b>Welles</b> W. designer jeans	INSULTS 44	<b>whole</b> marrying the w. girl	MARRIAGE 49
<b>well-known</b> W. Soldier	GOVERNMENT 31	<b>wholly</b> w. in <i>Peter Pan</i> ever since	ACTORS 32
<b>wells</b> Whatever W. writes	WRITERS 24	<b>whooshing</b> love the w. noise	TIME 3
<b>well-written</b> w. Life is almost as rare	LITERATURE 4	<b>whore</b> I am the Protestant w. this rogue and w. together w. in the bedroom	RELIGION 29 WEDDINGS 2 MARRIAGE 38
<b>Wensleydale</b> W. lies between	ENGLAND 35	<b>whorehouse</b> down a w.	FILM PRODUCERS 15
<b>Werther</b> W. had a love	MEN AND WOMEN 53	<b>whores</b> parliament of w.	DEMOCRACY 10
<b>west</b> Go W., young man	NAMES 20	<b>why</b> fail to see w. not say w. and how things that are and ask, W. w. people laugh	ACTORS 11 AUTOBIOGRAPHY 12 PHILOSOPHY 3 COMEDY 3
<b>western</b> delivered by W. Union	CINEMA 7	<b>wicked</b> Arthur is w. and moral born w., and grow worse pretending to be w.	PRIME MINISTERS 15 POLITICAL PARTIES 1 HYPOCRISY 11



<b>wickets</b> need nine w.	CRICKET 13	<b>window</b> enters through the w.	FILM PRODUCERS 21
<b>widow</b> French w. in every bedroom	HOLIDAYS 5	go out through the w.	BIRTH 10
my dear, will be my w.	PRAISE 5	hole in a stained glass w.	APPEARANCE 8
<b>widower</b> inconsolable w.	GENERATION GAP 11	look out of the w.	THEATRE 3
<b>widowhood</b> estate of w.	WIVES 7	out of the w.	BODY 3
<b>wife</b> achievement is a proud w.	SUCCESS 10	Peeping Tom looked in my w.	BODY 24
And nobody's w.	WOMEN 19	w., a casement	EDUCATION 5
between w. and death	DEATH 40	w. cleaner reaching into	RELIGION 34
colonies in your w.'s name	WAR 13	<b>wine</b> buy a bottle of w.	SEX 37
discover your w. left you in May	CRICKET 11	get into the w.	WINE 2
due to their w.	BOOKS 18	I cook with w.	WINE 4
fear repartee in a w.	WIVES 16	Marquis's Son Unused to W.	HEADLINES 11
Here lies my w.	WIVES 6	Poor w. at the table	WINE 9
hope that keeps up a w.'s spirits	WIVES 7	red w. of Shiraz	BODY 10
How's the w.	CRICKET 2	take a glass of w.	HOME 20
hurling them at his w.	DIVORCE 3	white w. came up	FOOD 38
if God had been his w.	GOD 35	w.; a constant proof that God	WINE 5
in want of a w.	MEN 2	w. and women	HAPPINESS 5
joined me as my w.	PRIME MINISTERS 25	w. was a farce	FOOD 52
keep one's w. happy	WIVES 10	<b>winking</b> w. at a girl in the dark	ADVERTISING 3
kicking his w. down	MISTAKES 2	<b>winner</b> unhappy lottery w.	LIFE 30
look out for a w.	MANNERS 23	<b>winter</b> English w.—ending in July	WEATHER 1
looks at his neighbour's w.	MORALITY 21	June and w.	SCOTLAND 3
man appreciate his w.	WIVES 11	through the perils of w.	WEATHER 14
man brings his w. flowers	MEN 17	W. is icummen in	WEATHER 11
mistook ye for my w.	INSULTS 8	<b>wipe</b> Gives it a w.—and all is gone	POETS 7
no lady; she's my w.	WIVES 13	<b>wire</b> Along the electric w.	TELEGRAMS 1
no telephone or w.	WRITING 23	<b>wisdom</b> how much 'mature w.' resembles	OLD AGE 19
place my w. under a pedestal	DIVORCE 1	w. which is a long way off	PHILOSOPHY 8
rug-making or w.-swapping	ANIMALS 7	<b>wise</b> Do you think it's w.	WINE 3
second w. to his success	WIVES 1	Nor ever did a w. one	ROYALTY 33
she is your w.	ADVERTISING 7	w. father	FAMILY 26
Take my w.	COMEDY ROUTINES 39	<b>wiser</b> no w. now than I was	JUDGES 12
untrue to his w.	INTELLIGENCE 3	<b>wish</b> w. I'd done that	DRUNKENNESS 5
What I need is a w.	HUSBANDS 15	w. I loved	HUMAN RACE 8
w. came home from work	FAMILY 4	<b>wishing</b> w. I was back	TOWNS 22
w. has ever taken	TRAVEL 26	<b>wit</b> fancy w. will come	WIT 35
w. ran off with the fellow	MEN AND WOMEN 14	His w. invites you	WIT 12
w. turning the pages	SPEECHES 10	information and w.	CONVERSATION 16
woman old enough to be my w.	MEN AND WOMEN 13	Staircase w.	WIT 13
<b>wig</b> resemble a w.	GOVERNMENT 5	w. with dunces	INSULTS 42
<b>Wigan</b> W. Pier	CIVIL SERVANTS 1	<b>witch</b> w.-doctors of the modern world	BUSINESS 12
<b>Wikipedia</b> unless you're on W.	COMPUTERS 7	<b>witness</b> someone on hand to w. it	HEROES 2
<b>wild</b> w. as pension plans	POETS 3	<b>wits</b> w. to grow sharper	PHILOSOPHY 7
<b>wildebeeste</b> Herds of w.	HOLIDAYS 2	<b>witty</b> Anger makes dull men w.	ANGER 2
<b>will</b> I'm in his w.	FAMILY 30	w., unkind things	FOOLISHNESS 1
My w. is strong	MORALITY 13	<b>wives</b> many, many w.	HYPOCRISY 9
political w.	BUREAUCRACY 11	married men have w.	MEN 23
You w., Oscar, you will	WIT 56	may all your w. be like her	ROYALTY 36
<b>Willie</b> needs a W.	PRIME MINISTERS 35	others were only my w.	PRAISE 5
<b>willing</b> Barkis is w.	LOVE 9	said to one of my three w.	ACTING 24
<b>willingly</b> majority of men ever go w.	FUNERALS 1	Translations (like w.)	WIVES 4
<b>willy</b> Can't see my little W.	BODY 19	<b>wobbles</b> good spelling but it W.	LANGUAGE 15
<b>Wilson</b> fourteenth Mr W.	ARISTOCRACY 5	<b>woe</b> horrid, hideous notes of w.	MISTAKES 10
<b>Wimbledon</b> Spill your guts at W.	TENNIS 3	<b>wolf</b> fox is a w. who sends flowers	MEN 34
<b>wimps</b> Lunch is for w.	MANAGEMENT 8	<b>wolves</b> two w. and a sheep voting	DEMOCRACY 2
<b>win</b> find a way not to w.	SPORTS 26	<b>woman</b> Being a w.	BODY 13
not whether you w. or lose	FAILURE 8	better than that and made w.	FEMINISM 11
whether I w. or lose	SUCCESS 30	body of a young w.	BODY 27
<b>wind</b> how the w. doth ramm	WEATHER 11	called a w. in my own house	WOMEN 41
upset in a high w.	SLEEP 2	'Cause I'm a w.	WOMEN 25
w. that swept down from the Urals	TOWNS 14	embrace a w.'s shoe	SEX 46
with w. and self-righteousness	FOOD 30		



every w. should marry	MARRIAGE 29	Sun Wot W. It	HEADLINES 5
find a w. I don't like	DIVORCE 5	we'd have w. the war	WAR 19
good dose of another w.	WIVES 11	<b>wonderful</b> good thing can be w.	SATISFACTION 8
happily a w. may be married	MARRIAGE 52	perfectly w. evening	INSULTS 34
I could be a good w.	VIRTUE 17	tell me how w. he was	HUSBANDS 31
inside a w.	SEX 4	w. time with the wrong ones	HUSBANDS 13
kissed my first w.	KISSING 9	<b>wonderland</b> Malice in W.	NAMES 6
lies a poor w.	EPITAPHS 3	<b>won't</b> administrative w.	BUREAUCRACY 11
make love to a 300lb w.	WEATHER 9	<b>wood</b> tapping a ball with a piece of w.	BASEBALL 4
Many a w. has a past	WOMEN 43	<b>woodcock</b> w.'s leg	FOOD 11
modern, intelligent, independent-type w.	MODERN LIFE 13	<b>wooden</b> APPROPRIATE W. GIFT	CRITICS 49
	WRITERS 10	<b>woodland</b> few acres of w.	GARDENS 1
no w. in London will be safe	LOVE 25	<b>woodpecker</b> went steady with a w.	MISTAKES 20
one w. differs from another	MANNERS 12	<b>woodshed</b> nasty in the w.	MISTAKES 14
Talk to the w. on your left	CHILDREN 11	<b>wool</b> If I send her the w.	SEX 12
threat of a w.	CHAMPAGNE 5	<b>woollier</b> w. animals	ART 19
time in every w.'s life	MEN AND WOMEN 31	<b>Woolworth</b> visit to W.'s	PRIME MINISTERS 8
w. be more like a man	DRIVING 8	<b>word</b> different w. for everything	FRANCE 10
w. driver is one who drives like	DRINK 18	for the wrong w.	CRITICS 44
w. drove me to drink	WOMEN 39	having a cross w.	MARRIAGE 41
w. has given you her heart	MARRIAGE 64	It's a small w.	SNOBBERY 10
w.'s business to get married	WOMEN 35	know only one w.	HOLLYWOOD 21
w. seldom writes her mind	FEMINISM 2	no individual w.	HANDWRITING 5
W.'s place was in the gaol	WOMEN 18	spoken w. is repeated	DEBT 7
w.'s place Was just the space	AGE 14	"waiter" is such a funny w.	RESTAURANTS 7
w. telling her true age	RELATIONSHIPS 9	w. about oral contraception	SEX 7
w. who can't forgive	SUCCESS 5	<b>words</b> changed the w. of the song	OLD AGE 23
w. who has nothing to wear	AGE 22	combination of w.	WORDS 5
w. who tells her real age	AGE 13	four most beautiful w.	LANGUAGE 19
young w. offers me her seat	ARMED FORCES 24	frying pan of your w.	WRITERS 19
<b>womankind</b> packs off its w.	MEN AND WOMEN 44	get your w.' worth from a poet	WIT 29
<b>womanly</b> loved a w. woman	PARENTS 18	lost for w.	CRITICS 45
<b>women</b> All w. become like	MEN AND WOMEN 7	Man does not live by w.	WORDS 19
All w. dress like	NAMES 13	many frank w.	DIPLOMACY 2
all the w. MPs put together	ENGLAND 14	most beautiful w.	WORDS 1
cherries, hops, and w.	FASHION 6	my w. are my own	ROYALTY 10
doesn't know w.	ACADEMIC 15	say a few w.	SPEECHES 12
drink and w.	RELATIONSHIPS 10	trouble with w.	WORDS 17
gets off with w.	FASHION 20	W. are chameleons	WORDS 10
I blame the w.'s movement	SICKNESS 5	W. are like leaves	WORDS 16
I gave up w. and alcohol	HUSBANDS 6	w. of tongue and pen	MISTAKES 18
I married beneath me, all w. do	LETTERS 8	<b>Wordsworth</b> W. sometimes wakes	POETS 1
like w.'s letters	MEN 8	<b>wordy</b> French are always too w.	FRANCE 8
mess around with w.	INTELLIGENCE 16	<b>work</b> can walk to w.	PRESIDENTS 15
more interesting than w.	WOMEN 13	domestic w.	HOME 24
overdeveloped the w.	POWER 7	Eleven months' hard w.	GARDENS 4
Powerful w. only succeed	WAR 9	found 10,000 ways that won't w.	FAILURE 4
stops w. laughing at them	OPTIMISM 2	hard w. never killed anybody	WORK 16
thinks all w. are bad	MEN AND WOMEN 60	hate to w. for a living	HUSBANDS 28
Whatever w. do	MEN AND WOMEN 58	I like w.: it fascinates me	WORK 13
When w. go wrong	LIFESTYLE 2	immortality through my w.	DEATH 2
whisky and wild, wild w.	CATS 5	Nice w. if you can get it	LOVE 15
why w. love cats	WOMEN 11	plenty of w. to do	IDLENESS 3
W. are like elephants	WOMEN 27	thing that doesn't w. any more	PAST 16
W. do not find it difficult	LITERATURE 1	those that don't w.	TECHNOLOGY 3
W. don't seem to think	HISTORY 2	those who do the w.	AMBITION 4
w. following behind	SCIENCE 15	used to w.	ACTING 22
w. have fewer teeth	WOMEN 5	w. at it	GOLF 5
w. in an orchestra	MEN AND WOMEN 11	W. does age you so	WORK 9
w. should be struck	MEN AND WOMEN 47	W. expands to fill the time	WORK 15
w. who did the choosing	WOMEN 9	W. is x	LIFESTYLE 7
work its way with the w.	ANGER 6	W. is always much more	WORK 8
<b>won</b> never w. an argument		W. is the curse	WORK 19



**work** (cont.)

W. late	SUCCESS 9
w. terribly hard	EDUCATION 9
w. were such a splendid thing	WORK 11
<b>worked</b> W. myself up from nothing	POVERTY 7
<b>workhouses</b> w. and Coffin Makers	LITERATURE 19
<b>working</b> have a w. relationship	GOD 19
W. in Hollywood	HOLLYWOOD 7
w. on a case of Scotch	DRINK 8
<b>working-class</b> if it wasn't for w. people	CLASS 24
job all w. parents want	MEMBERS 1
<b>workings</b> w. of Providence	JUDGES 14
<b>works</b> w. as hard for his money	MONEY 25
<b>world</b> around the w. to count the cats	TRAVEL 30
arranging the w.	TECHNOLOGY 6
little run were all the w.	POLITICS 8
look—at the w.	APOLOGY 1
makes the w. go round	DRINK 32
not as fast as the w. record	UNINTENDED 8
upstairs into the w.	CLASS 5
worsening the w.	TELEVISION 11
w. famous	CANADA 9
w. has treated me	SATISFACTION 2
w. has turned upside down	PAST 4
w. is a comedy	HUMAN RACE 14
w. is disgracefully managed	GOD 23
w. is your lobster	WIT 17
<b>worm</b> as a crushed w.	MARRIAGE 60
man to a w.	EATING 3
tread by chance upon a w.	ANIMALS 25
w. at one end	FISHING 4
you have tasted your w.	WIT 49
<b>worms</b> W. have played a more important	NATURE 8
<b>worries</b> other beasts: financial w.	MONEY 29
<b>worry</b> Eliot's standby was W.	POETS 2
one he wanted to w. about	MEDICINE 19
<b>worse</b> fear of finding something w.	CHILDREN 5
geting steadily w.	HISTORY 23
I don't feel w.	MORALITY 4
If my books had been any w.	LITERATURE 6
<b>worsening</b> w. the world	TELEVISION 11
<b>worship</b> w. the quicksand he walks	PRESIDENTS 3
<b>worst</b> do your w.	THEATRE 21
w. is yet to come	PAST 14
<b>worth</b> get your words' w. from a poet	WIT 29
not w. as much	ECONOMICS 2
not w. going to see	TRAVEL 15
w. their weight in gold	WEALTH 23
<b>Worthington</b> Mrs W.	ACTING 6
<b>worthy</b> We're not w.	FAME 20
<b>wotthehell</b> w. archy	HOPE 6
<b>would</b> He w., wouldn't he	LIES 8
<b>wounded</b> not sick, not w.	FOOD 1
<b>wow</b> women you will w.	THEATRE 25
<b>wrath</b> w. of the police	MUSICIANS 2
<b>wren</b> Sir Christopher W.	ARCHITECTURE 2
<b>wrinkled</b> face was that w.	FACES 10
<b>write</b> glad you'll w.	WRITING 20
only w. prose today	POETS 18
people who can't w.	NEWSPAPERS 47
read a novel, I w. one	LITERATURE 7
They w. about it	LITERATURE 1
w. for posterity	PAST 11
w. like Shakespeare	WRITERS 28

w. on both sides	EXAMINATIONS 7
w. something on a steamed	LIFE 13
you can always w. a book	POLITICS 43
<b>writer</b> brilliant w. in the editor's chair	NEWSPAPERS 8
no w. can give	HAPPINESS 7
working w.	CRITICS 20
w., in the eyes	CINEMA 11
w. in Hollywood	HOLLYWOOD 13
w.'s fame	FAME 18
w. that people think	WRITERS 29
<b>writers</b> all w. should be in prison	WRITERS 33
full of fourth-rate w.	READING 1
How few w. can prostitute	LITERATURE 9
<b>writes</b> publisher who w. is like a cow	PUBLISHING 11
w. badly thinks badly	WRITING 7
w. for his own newspaper	NEWSPAPERS 14
w. with a feather	THEATRE 16
<b>writing</b> get it in w.	GOD 31
isn't w., it's typing	WRITERS 11
little point in w.	WRITING 3
rich from w.	WRITING 16
thought <i>nothing</i> of her w.	WRITERS 34
w. is on the wall	HUMOUR 2
<b>written</b> w. a book	BOOKS 10
w. in such small print	READING 3
<b>wrong</b> always in the w.	WEATHER 6
as likely to be w.	PAST 7
called the w. number	MISTAKES 30
for the w. word	CRITICS 44
he usually gets it all w.	POLITICIANS 23
I know what's w.	WEATHER 3
Kings to w. wrong	ROYALTY 31
on the w. side of	CATS 7
people will think it w.	LAW 18
put the question in w.	COMPUTERS 3
so w. in this world	WOMEN 15
some ideas so w.	IDEAS 7
they are w.	MORALITY 17
Throwing acid is w.	MORALITY 2
Whenever you're w., admit it	HUSBANDS 24
When women go w.	MEN AND WOMEN 58
where did it all go w.	MISTAKES 3
Where have I gone w.	SLEEP 5
Why do the w. people travel	TRAVEL 10
Wonderful theory, w. species	POLITICS 54
wonderful time with the w. ones	HUSBANDS 13
w. bar or bed	MISTAKES 7
W. but Wromantic	HISTORY 14
w. end of a gun	SPORTS 37
w. kind of snow	WEATHER 16
w. place at the wrong time	LOVE 11
<b>wrote</b> I w. them both	SPEECHES 24
play wot I w.	COMEDY ROUTINES 33
this play the way you w. it	THEATRE 15
w., except for money	WRITING 14
<b>www</b> shortened form—w.	COMPUTERS 1
<b>Xerox</b> X.: a trademark for	TECHNOLOGY 13
<b>yaks</b> y. jumping about	MUSIC 8
<b>Yale</b> libel on a Y. prom	MORALITY 12
<b>Yankee Doodle</b> One of them is 'Y.'	MUSIC 19
<b>yawn</b> Today's tears are tomorrow's y.	LIFE 29
<b>yawning</b> time we waste in y.	BORES 13
<b>yawns</b> grave y. for him	BORES 16
<b>yeah</b> Y. but no but yeah	COMEDY ROUTINES 44



- year** can't wait for next y.'s  
last y.'s card for full details  
most difficult y. of marriage
- yearning** learning, earning, and y.
- yearns** y. so hungrily
- years** 10 y. in a boiler suit  
Methus'la live nine hundred y.  
TV News for forty y.  
We've been waiting 700 y.
- yellow** how y. everything looks
- yes** cards that just say, 'Y., I am'  
Don't say y.  
getting the answer y.  
sounds like y.
- yesterday** wish we had done y.
- yet** but not y.  
Not y.
- ying** Y. tong iddle I po
- yoghurt** between the milk and the y.  
bin-liner full of y.
- yogurt** Los Angeles and a y.
- yolk** y. runs down
- you** ask you, 'Are y. you?'
- young** as y. as ever I did  
Being y. is not having any money  
dared be radical when y.  
denunciation of the y.
- SPORTS 8  
ROMANCE 5  
MARRIAGE 46  
LIFE 28  
ACTORS 31  
FASHION 20  
OLD AGE 17  
NEWSPAPERS 6  
TIME 10  
OPTIMISM 4  
FAME 10  
MANAGEMENT 10  
MANNERS 6  
DIPLOMACY 12  
WORK 14  
SEX 14  
BORES 5  
COMEDY ROUTINES 45  
WRITERS 36  
BODY 14  
TOWNS 29  
EATING 7  
FAME 10  
SICKNESS 3  
YOUTH 9  
POLITICAL PARTIES 5  
GENERATION GAP 7
- hound and persecute the y.  
outrageous y. fellow  
They eat their y.  
way to stay y.  
y. have aspirations  
you're too y.  
Youth is wasted on the y.
- younger** guy is a lot y.  
Seek y. friends  
y. clothes
- yourself** Be y.  
would you fall in love with y.
- youth** better to waste one's y.  
I have been in a y. hostel  
look after my y.  
my opponent's y. and inexperience  
y. of America  
Y. is wasted on the young  
Y. is when you are allowed
- yo-yo** on the end of a y.
- yuppie** y. version of bulimia
- Zanzibar** count the cats in Z.
- zapped** z. with a cattle prod
- zeal** not the slightest z.
- zip** Children and z. fasteners
- zoo** stable or a z. is better
- Zuleika** Z. on a desert island
- GENERATION GAP 2  
GENERATION GAP 5  
AUDIENCES 2  
YOUTH 8  
GENERATION GAP 6  
ACTING 23  
YOUTH 5  
MEN AND WOMEN 52  
OLD AGE 28  
PARTIES 7  
ADVICE 4  
LOVE 23  
YOUTH 1  
YOUTH 10  
MANNERS 24  
OLD AGE 26  
AMERICA 23  
YOUTH 5  
MIDDLE AGE 12  
AUDIENCES 3  
EXERCISE 5  
TRAVEL 30  
DANCE 1  
ADVICE 15  
FAMILY LIFE 13  
POLITICIANS 20  
MEN AND WOMEN 6







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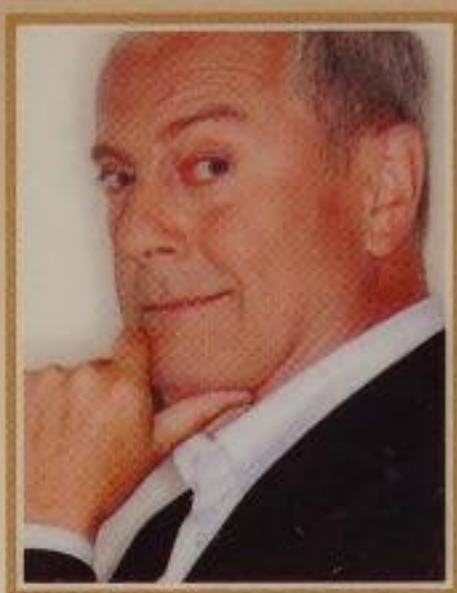
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